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Museum trip is 'fuel for thought'...

Fun day in memory of Millie raises £1,000-plus

Golden Girl Chloe's dancing feat!

TALENTED teenager Chloe Greenwood is on top of the world after helping Team England to win the Dance World Cup 2016 - the fourth year in succession they have triumphed in the prestigious event.

And the 16-year-old Ormskirk School pupil from Elswick in Tanhouse, Skelmersdale rounded off a triumphant week by being awarded a trophy for the Outstanding Female Performer.

Chloe, who attends the Nazene Danielle Dance School in Liverpool, was a member of the 740-strong Team England squad for the event held in Jersey.

Made up of 740 dancers aged between five and 19 from across all counties, they competed against 38 other national teams including South Africa, Malaysia, India, Germany, Portugal, and Spain.

Regarded as the leading competition in the world, Dance World Cup gives young dancers a unique opportunity to perform in disciplines including classical ballet, song and dance, modern acro, modern jazz, modern contemporary, national, and street dance.

Team England won a total of 68 gold medals, 66 silver and 53 bronze to take the Dance World Cup trophy.

Dancing star Chloe Greenwood with her trophy

Meanwhile Chloe danced solo to take gold in the show dance category.

Having just completed her GCSEs, Chloe, who has won a place at Urdang academy in London, has also appeared on the CBBC programme, Taking The Next Step.

Her gran, Linda Brough said: "Chloe has been dancing since she was three and is doing really well.

"She works so hard, practising three or four times a week. She is amazing."

BRAVE LEEANNE'S SPECIAL MISSION

Leeanne Conteh with fellow Manchester to Blackpool charity bike riders Anthony and Steve, and supporters Norma and Linda.

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN Leeanne Conteh was diagnosed with breast cancer in February it "turned her life upside down" - but she was determined it wouldn't stop her taking part in the annual 60-mile Christie Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride.

And the brave 29-year-old from Holland Park, Skelmersdale made it her own special mission to complete this year's ride to "give something back" to the staff at the Marina Daglish Clatterbridge Cancer Centre at Aintree Hospital where she has been receiving chemotherapy treatment.

Leeanne, who has grade three stage two cancer, has had a mastectomy, had her lymph nodes removed and is due to start radiotherapy in September.

Amazing

But that didn't stop her taking part in this year's ride last Sunday, July 10, and she hopes to raise £6,000 for the centre.

She said: "Our lives were turned upside down when I was diagnosed with breast cancer and I also had a mastectomy.

"However, I couldn't thank the people from the Marina Dalglish centre enough for helping and guiding me through this journey.

"All the staff and volunteers are amazing and are there for all cancer sufferers 24/7. I feel the need to give something back so other young women in my situation can be supported as well as I have.

"The centre really has been amazing and has offered all different forms of support, including counselling so I wanted to do something for them.

"I have done the bike ride for the last four years but this year the charity I am raising money for has added significance and it is close to my heart."

Thousands of people take part in the race which started at 8am at Manchester United's Old Trafford football ground and finished at Blackpool promenade.

Leeanne was joined on the ride by her fiancé Ant and other family and friends including Ste Don, Andrew Parker, Chelsea Macklin, Hannah McMannus and Carmel Ezzatvar.

She said: "To date we have raised £3,600 through my Justgiving page and we hope to raise between £5,000 and £6,000.

"Barclays Bank are donating £1,000 and Rob at the Hare and Hounds pub, who put on a spread for us after we completed the race, is donating £200."

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Booths' Birthday Brunch event

MANAGEMENT at Booths supermarket in Bursccough are marking the store's first anniversary with a Birthday Brunch for all customers on Friday, July 15.

Staff at the store on the Ringtail Retail Park will serve croissants, orange juice and Prosecco at the event, which will run from 11am to 1pm.

The Booths food store was officially opened by company chairman, Edwin Booth in July last year.

Store manager Richard Ford said: "We hope to welcome all of our regular customers and Burscough residents to our celebratory Birthday Brunch on Friday.

"We are very proud to be a part of the community and want to thank our customers for their support in our first year."

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Members of the Songbirds performing at the Ormskirk Community Dance Festival earlier this summer

Songbirds aim to spread their wings!

Community choir set to expand after message extolling health and wellbeing benefits of music proves popular

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

ORGANISERS of a community choir formed to promote the benefits of music to health and wellbeing are spreading their wings.

The West Lancashire Community Choir, known as the Songbirds, was originally developed to support people in Ormskirk living with long-term health conditions.

It has since been expanded to include all members of the community of all ages and abilities and has proved so popular that a second choir is being formed to cover other parts of the borough.

The original choir meets each Tuesday at 6.30pm at Brookside in Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

Now the second choir will meet from 10am to noon on Thursdays, starting tomorrow (July 14) at All Saints Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Church Hall in Station Road, Hesketh Bank.

One of the organisers, Jacquie Sutton, said: "Our first choir based in Ormskirk is extremely popular and its success has proved that everyone can enjoy and benefit from joining a community choir.

"We want to stress that the choirs are not about people's ability to sing but about having a good time and enjoying music.

"The aim of our community choirs is to increase an overall sense of wellbeing and health, which contributes to the wellbeing of local communities.

"The Songbirds have shown that singing brings people together and many new friendships have been formed.

"Our ethos is one of inclusivity and we actively encourage and welcome everyone. We have a cross-section of ages in the choirs. The sessions are fun, interactive, and therapeutic. Our aim is to make singing and music accessible to all ages and abilities and to encourage people who think they can't sing to come and join us.

"People attending have said that being part of a community choir has made a huge difference to their lives.

"In recent years there has been a great deal of research into the power of music and its link to health and wellbeing. The benefits of being part of a community choir include improved lung function, reduced stress levels, increased alertness and focus, enhanced immune system, improvements in posture and help with back and limb problems, balance and core stability."

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Garden waste charge back on council budget agenda

Report by **Henry James**

A PROPOSAL to include a £30 annual charge to collect garden waste is again among the options for savings, efficiencies and increases in income totalling more than £800,000 in the general revenue budget to be discussed by West Lancs Council on Wednesday, July 20.

The same proposal was put forward last year, but the council decided against introducing it.

After the council has agreed provisional proposals for consultation it will invite local residents, community organisations and businesses to give their views before final decisions are made in October for implementation in 2017/18.

For 2017/18, the council needs to save around £1.44 million. Measures totalling around £570,000 that will not impact on residents have already been identified, with some proposed for approval at the July 20 meeting, including increased income from fees, renegotiating of a transport contract, ceasing provision of broadband to councillors' homes, and ensuring that the council get all the income due from council tax and business rates.

The meeting will consider measures to find the remaining £870,000 savings needed. Main policy options under consideration at this stage include:

Introducing an annual charge of £30 to collect garden waste.

Ceasing garden waste collections during the winter.

Modest reductions in the number of CCTV cameras in the lowest priority areas and in live monitoring in off-peak periods.

A review of street cleaning work.

A new approach to public toilet provision.

Councillor Chris Wynn, the council's portfolio holder for finance, said: "While we will try to minimise the effect on residents and local communities, in fact there is little scope to make this level of savings without an impact.

"We will invite local people to give their views over the summer so that this can be taken into account in the decision-making process."

Over the last seven years, the council has reduced its annual budget requirement by more than 30%, primarily as a result of reductions in government funding.

Some of the main measures were savings of more than £500,000 per year made through a partnership agreement with Lancashire County Council and BT Lancashire Services for the delivery of revenues, benefits and IT services and budget streamlining savings of £645,000 to reduce costs by efficiencies without affecting services.

The council is proposing to charge for emptying green bins in West Lancashire

Last year the council consulted residents and local organisations about efficiencies, income increases and savings as part of a package of measures worth £1.7m. These are now being implemented, and include:

Staff savings of almost £175,000 primarily from a restructure of senior management.

Streamlining spending across all service areas by around £220,000.

Increasing income from planning fees, street naming, rents from commercial properties, solar panels and council tax.

Overall, the council will have to find £3.5 million savings per year by 2019-20, which is equivalent to around 15% to 20% of the budget.

The council meeting on July 20 will also consider a number of potential savings from the housing budget, where around £8m needs to be saved over the next three years.

When the council has agreed proposals for consultation, it will invite council tenants to give their views.

Final decisions on these savings will also be made in October.

Fundraising fun in memory of Millie Rose at last Saturday's event at The Greenhill in support of Alder Hey and Solving Kids Cancer charities.

Millie memorial fun day raises more than £1,000

A MEMORIAL fun day has been held to commemorate the second anniversary of the passing of brave Skelmersdale youngster Millie Heaton'.

The event, held at Greenhill Community Centre, Beech Close, raised £1,006.33 for Alder Hey Children's Hospital and the charity, Solving Kids' Cancer, which supports families affected by high-risk childhood cancers in the areas of neuroblastoma, brain tumours and sarcomas.

Millie passed away after battling against neuroblastoma, an aggressive type of cancer that affects children.

The three-year-old's courageous struggle against the disease captured the hearts of people throughout West Lancashire and beyond.

Her parents had hoped to raise £250,000 for vital treatment in Germany.

The fun day featured face-painting, tombolas, bouncy castles, and stalls.

Millie's aunt, Joanne Heaton, said: "Thank-you to everyone who came out to support us for this event. Special thanks to Chris Milow and the girls from Wish FM, Andi Fowler and Kathy Burslem's Slimming World Groups that raised money in advance, Christine Quigley for the amazing 'guess the weight' cake and all the wonderful friends who stepped in at the last minute to make cakes for the cake stall.

Sensory garden tribute to brave youngster to open in next few weeks

"I would also like to thank all those who came along and who helped out on the day, especially Colin Pennington who did all the organising, and to anyone who I might have forgotten to mention. They all us, and more importantly, Millie proud."

Twenty-four hours after Millie's death family and thousands of people gathered at the Greenhill site to release balloons in her memory.

Meanwhile, work is expected to be completed soon on a sensory garden at the Greenhill in memory of Millie.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Councilsaid: "Work is now underway to prepare the signage for the sensory garden. As soon as it is installed, the council and Greenhill Hub committee will work together to organise the official launch of both facilities.

"We anticipate this will take place later in July or early in August and we will liaise with Millie's family and the community groups about the arrangements for the opening ceremony."

The Men-Aces receive their Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Men-Aces awarded 'volunteers' MBE'

THE players and officials of the Skelmersdale Men-Aces disability football club have landed another prestigioous award.

Members of the club travelled to County Hall, Preston to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service from the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Lord Shuttleworth.

Regarded as the 'volunteers' MBE', the award is recognition of those who work in their local community for the benefit of others.

All recipients of the award are presented with a certificate signed by Her Majesty The Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal.

The Men-Aces were honoured for providing opportunities for adults with learning and physical difficulties to be included and accepted in a team, giving every individual a sense of pride and belonging.

'Exceptional'

And their efforts were described as a prime example of courage, determination, respect and effective teamwork.

Lord Shuttleworth said: "This year, Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service in Lancashire have been won by five groups. They include hundreds of volunteers who work to improve and support local communities in health, welfare, sport, community building and in providing park-based leisure from an otherwise derelict piece of land.

"Their exceptional vision, hard work and persistence have improved the lives of thousands and I look forward to presenting them with their awards on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen."

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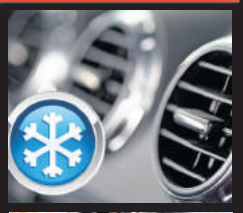

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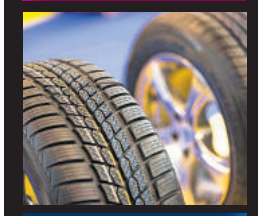

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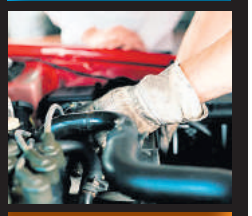

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Report praises role of council CCTV system in deterring criminals

WEST Lancs Council has highlighted a new report which they say highlights "how effective" their CCTV operations are in helping to keep crime low in the borough.

Over the last five years the council has invested heavily in the public open space system and expanded the scheme to install cameras in areas which previously had no coverage.

The authority has just published its annual report on the CCTV it operates, highlighting 'key achievements' for 2015/16.

In total CCTV staff assisted with 5,110 incidents in the year, nearly 100 a week.

Operators also helped police officers to make 337 arrests in West Lancashire.

In addition, staff were involved in 525 missing/vulnerable person incidents and were also involved in monitoring 656 cash deliveries/collections to ensure they were carried out without incident.

Operators also identified 1,525 incidents themselves through their general monitoring.

Public Open Space CCTV cameras can act as a deterrent and can assist in the identification of people or vehicles involved in criminal activity.

Many of the newer cameras are located near to roads on West Lancashire's borders

and are helping to tackle travelling criminals intent on committing crimes in the borough.

The council currently operates 104 public open space cameras and these are monitored 24 hours a day 365 days each year. Nine of these have been installed over the past year to provide an even wider coverage with the aim of making West Lancashire an even safer place.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's cabinet member for community safety, said: "The report underlines the tremendous value for money the system and its operators provide. The experience of the operators and their close working relationship with the police helps to ensure we achieve great results from our system, and the staff deserve great praise for their efforts.

"CCTV can deter criminals and help the public feel safe, and 79% of respondents to the 2016 West Lancashire Citizen Survey agree that West Lancashire is a safe and secure place to live and work and we want to ensure this continues for years to come."

The full report is available on the council's website via the following link www.westlancs.gov.uk/cctvreport.

West Lancashire police inspector June Chessell said: "Lancashire Constabulary fully support the use of CCTV and it can assist us in providing key evidence. I am extremely impressed with the WLBC scheme which continues to go from strength to strength.

"The operators also perform a key task in relation to preventing crimes and perform a vital link between the streets of West Lancashire and ourselves. My officers regularly visit the suite and look at the footage."

One of the issues the council must have due regard to is the privacy of private residents. The software that is used allows for parts of the CCTV image to be completely blanked out. There are several existing cameras where privacy settings are installed to completely blank out windows or whole houses so that residents' privacy is ensured.

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Pensioner's phone scam alert after bogus tax debt threat

Report by **Henry James**

A PENSIONER from Skelmersdale is warning other residents to be on their guard against a potential phone scam after she received a call purporting to be from the inland revenue claiming that she was facing a lawsuit.

Fortunately the woman, who does not want to be named, was not taken in by the scammers, although she admits that initially she was taken aback by the call and worried she might be facing legal proceedings.

The 74-year-old told the Champion: "When I picked up the phone, a recorded message said that the call was from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and they wanted to make me aware that someone was filing a lawsuit against me.

"The voice on the recorded message was very slow. I was then asked to press some numbers.

"At first I was frightened but then I thought 'I've done nothing wrong' and realised it was a scam and put the phone down.

"A friend of mine has also received a similar call.

"I wasn't taken in by this but someone could be. I wanted to warn other people about it and if they receive a similar call not to worry and to put the phone down."

Amanda Maxim from Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Service, said: "This appears to be a scam which attempts to use the threat of legal action to scare people into sending money or giving out their personal details to the scammer.

"Frightening people is a tactic used by scammers to try to get them to panic and act without thinking.

ALERTS

"There are similar scams such as those which try to convince people their computer has a virus, or there's some kind of problem with their bank.

"We would advise people never to give out their personal details to a cold caller and always to take their time and think before responding to any request or offer they receive, whether it's on the phone, by mail or on the doorstep.

"If in doubt seek advice from the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

"We post warnings of the latest scams, product recalls and doorstep crime alerts on our Scambuster Stan Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StanleyDards."

Residents reminded to have their say on county council property review

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is reminding residents in West Lancashire that there is still time to have their say on the authority's property review which includes proposals which could result in the closure of three libraries and three children's centres in the borough.

To date, around 2,700 responses have been received since the launch of the public consultation on May 18.

The consultation, which runs until Sunday, August 14, is seeking residents' views on plans to change the way the county's front-line services are delivered, with the aim of saving the authority millions of pounds by reducing the number of buildings it owns and rents.

Libraries earmarked for closure in West Lancashire are Up Holland library at Hall Green, along with Burscough and Parbold libraries.

And St John's Children's Centre in Skelmersdale is also facing the axe, as are Hesketh with Becconsall Children's Centre and the Moorgate Children's Centre in Ormskirk.

The Children's Social Care facility at Fairlie, Skelmersdale and Ormskirk's Derby Street Day Centre for older people could also be closed under the proposals.

County Councillor David Borrow

County Councillor David Borrow, deputy leader of Lancashire County Council with responsibility for finance, said: "Our aim is to ensure that we have the buildings we need to provide good access to good services, with a significantly reduced budget.

"We've considered a wide range of issues to assess where service should be located, including how easily people can get to them, and the needs of different communities.

"We're very keen for people to look at how they may be affected and respond to the consultation to help us shape the final proposals."

Under the plans, services would be brought together to form a network of multi-functional buildings known as Neighbourhood Centres, which the county council have said would provide a base for a range of different services in one place.

Meanwhile many buildings would no longer be used to deliver Lancashire County Council services and the number of places at which some services are available would reduce.

Most responses so far have been received via the county council website www.lanacashire.gov.uk, which also features an interactive map highlighting the proposed changes.

Hard copies of the full consultation document, along with shorter versions which detail the proposed changes for each local district, have also been made available to pick up in children's centres and libraries.

Lancashire County Council needs to save £200m by 2020/21 as a result of ongoing government cuts to its budget and rising demand for services. The proposals respond to savings agreed by full council in February 2016, with fewer buildings being needed to deliver reduced services.

Holland Moor Primary pupils pictured during their visit to the National Coal Mining Museum

Museum visit provides a mine of information for primary pupils!

YOUNGSTERS from a Skelmersdale school were given an insight into the area's industrial heritage when they paid a visit to the National Coal Mining Museum in Yorkshire.

The pupils from Holland Moor Primary School experienced the sights, sounds and smells of a working coal-mine and the machinery and tools used, along with former practices such as horses being kept underground.

And as part of the museum's 'Go Mining Tour' youngsters also learned about the historic colliery buildings and the lives of the miners and their families.

Class teacher, Mrs Trussell, said: "This was a unique experience the children will never forget."

Royal recognition for enterprising pair

TWO companies in Skelmersdale have received the Queen's Award for Enterprise.

The awards were presented to Aqua Fabrications and Fairbanks Co Ltd. by the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Baron Shuttleworth,

The prestigious awards recognise business success.

Aqua Fabrications, based at Garnett Place, East Gillibrands, received the award for "innovation" in rail drainage systems.

The company's glass-reinforced plastic products replace systems previously made from concrete which "drastically reduced the weight of the product" and the risk of injuries during installation.

The time and resources required for installation has also been reduced and there has been increased efficiencies in manufacture, improved performance and reduced damage in transit and handling.

The company has grown over the last two years and now employs 40 people.

During his visit to Aqua Fabrications Baron Shuttleworth commented: "It was a huge achievement for a company to win and without the dedication of all employees this would not of been achieved."

A spokesman for Aqua Fabrications said: "This award is a culmination of effort from every member of staff at Aqua and this is a worthy reflection of their commitment."

Growth

Fairbanks Environmental Limited, established in 1996 and situated at the Technology Management Centre in Moss Lane View won the Queen's Award for outstanding achievement in international trade. They have seen overseas sales grow by 350% in three years.

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New support service for young victims of crime

A NEW service has been launched for under-18s across Lancashire who have been a victim of crime.

Nest Lancashire, which provides confidential support and advice for young people who have experienced crime either as a victim or as a witness, was launched by the county's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw in Blackpool.

Youngsters aged 10 to 18 will benefit from one-to-one support, group sessions with other young people, access to sports and social activities and help to rebuild their confidence and to feel safe again following an incident.

The service also offers support in reporting a crime and going through the criminal justice system should a case go to court. It doesn't matter if the crime took place a long time ago or if it hasn't been reported to the police.

Nest Lancashire forms part of Lancashire Victim Services which was established by the commissioner to offer support to all victims of crime across the county after PCCs were made responsible for commissioning local victim services in April last year.

Clive Grunshaw said: "I have launched Nest Lancashire to ensure that Lancashire's young people can access the support they deserve following a crime.

'Comfort'

"Being a victim of crime can be a very difficult thing to get over and Nest offers extra comfort and support, particularly to those who may not have family support or struggle to share their ordeal with loved ones. "Nest Lancashire will ensure that our young people can access support when they need it in a way that suits them best."

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Skem man jailed for attack on partner in front of her children

By our **Court Reporter**

Day out at seaside ended in 'appalling assault'

A SKELMERSDALE man has been jailed for what a judge described as "an appalling assault" on his partner in the presence of her children.

Michael Newell, 33, of Alderley, went with his partner and children for a day out in Southport on March 25 and after visiting Pontins returned to the Scarisbrick Hotel at about 1am.

April Roberts, prosecuting at Liverpool Community Justice Centre on July 5, said that the partner had had a few drinks but Newell had a full bottle of brandy. Following an argument Newell became abusive and pushed her against the bedroom door.

"He grabbed her by the throat and threw her around the bedroom. He then began to strangle her.

"She saw her children leaving the room and run down the corridor after which Newell picked her up and threw her on the bed. She ran and went to get the children who were very upset."

As the woman returned to the room to retrieve the children's teddy bear, Newell kicked her and threw a book at her, Mrs Roberts said. "She left again and went downstairs and police arrived."

Providing photos of the woman's injuries to District Judge Mark Hadfield, Mrs Roberts said that she suffered bruising to the arms, neck and leg.

The court heard that Newell had been given a two-month suspended prison sentence in December of last year for breaching a community order he was given for two assaults against the same woman in April.

'Aggressive'

A victim impact statement made by his partner said: "During the assault I was scared for my life because he was so aggressive."

Solicitor Carole Clarke said that he had also taken cocaine on the day of the assault. Saying that there were concerns about his mental health and that he has a problem with anger management, she told the court he was remorseful and that he had referred himself for treatment. "He gets himself into situations where he shows his frustration with physical violence. It's not something he sets out to do," she said.

Activating the suspended prison sentence in full and adding a further consecutive 20 weeks for the new offence - less 49 days because he had been on a curfew since March - Judge Hadfield said it was an "appalling assault" and that custody had been inevitable. "It was a sustained and repeated assault which involved attempted strangulation," he said.

"The fact that you were drunk is an aggravating feature, as is the fact that there were two children who were so frightened that they had to flee from the room. It was further aggravated by the fact that it's not the first time you have assaulted her."

The judge also imposed a two-year restraining order forbidding Newell from contacting his now ex-partner or entering her street in Skelmersdale.

One of the activities during the Young People's Summit

Artz Centre film featured in constabulary's first Young People's Summit

A FILM produced by the Artz Centre in Skelmersdale highlighting issues around gangs, knife crime and drugs, has been shown at the first Young People's Summit hosted by Lancashire Constabulary and the county's police and crime commissioner.

The three-day event was held at police headquarters in Hutton, near Preston.

The film, 'Crossing The Line', funded by police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, was written, directed and produced by Mark Ashton and Joshua Gwynne of The Artz Centre in Skelmersdale and filmed in locations across the town.

Over the three days of the summit more than 180 Year 9 and 10 pupils from high schools across the county were given the unique opportunity to attend the event, arranged as part of the constabulary's mission to keep young people safe from harm and help them feel safe.

Among the activities organised during the summit were a drama production, film, interactive presentations, workshops and team-building games to explore issues of concern to young people, such as sexual vulnerability, personal safety and where to go for help and advice.

Assistant chief constable, Mark Bates, said: "Young people, just by virtue of their age, can often be vulnerable and we know that while they may be aware of some of the risks of becoming a victim or the perpetrator of a crime, the events have enabled us to have open discussions about specific signs to look out for, to have a more considered approach when it comes to choices and where they can seek trusted support when they need it."

Clive Grunshaw commented: "These events were an excellent way to reach out to a diverse range of young people living across Lancashire and I was delighted with the feedback from those who attended.

"It is vital we break down barriers between young people and police so they feel confident to talk about the issues that matter to them."

The pupils also watched a play called 'Tough Love' by Alter Ego Creative Solutions, a real-life story that explored coercive control, domestic abuse, consent, peer pressure and sexting.

There were also presentations about opportunities with the cadets, how to get help and advice from Nest Lancashire, a new service to help young people who have been affected by crime, and fun team-building activities that challenged decision-making and working together.

Of the students who attended the event more than 82% said that they enjoyed it while nearly 90% said they now felt more able to make the right choices to keep themselves and their friends safe.

Escaped emu has motorists in a flap!

Skelmersdale police officers keep guard over the emu at a respectable distance while they await the arrival of its owner and a vet

POLICE in Skelmersdale had to deal with an unusual escapee when they received a call from a concerned motorist saying they had spotted an OSTRICH dangerously close to a busy dual carriageway in the town!

However, when officers arrived at the scene it was clear there was no threat of the distressed bird taking flight - literally - even though it wasn't an ostrich.

In fact the 'runaway' was an EMU that had escaped from a nearby farm and found its way on to a playing field by the dual carriageway.

A post on the Skelmersdale Police Facebook noted: 'Shortly after 6am on Sunday morning last month a motorist rang Lancashire Police to say that there was an ostrich loose on the playing fields near to the dual carriageway in Skelmersdale.

'Officers were deployed, despite feeling that this may be some sort of prank call. On arrival they found that it wasn't an ostrich at all, but an emu that was injured and had escaped from a nearby farm.

"Calls were put out over the radio if anyone knew who the owner may be and someone suggested Rod Hull might have lost an emu to which the radio operator asked for a spelling of the name!

'A sergeant stepped in to cancel that enquiry but shortly afterwards someone else suggested that Bernie Clifton was the man to sort out this job.

"The radio operator asked for PC Clifton's collar number to give him a call - it (it was the end of a very busy Saturday night shift after all!).

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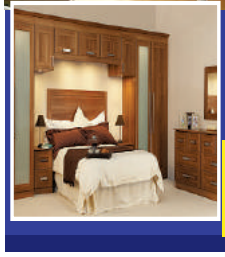

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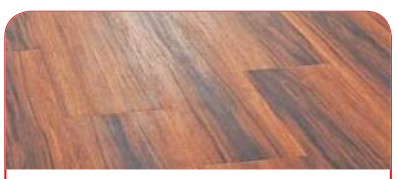

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First mental health youth conference hailed a success

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire's first Mental Health Youth Conference, entitled Hidden Voices, has been hailed a success by students and agencies who attended.

Held at the Evermoor Hub in Digmoor, the conference was organised by Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) in partnership with South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (ICAN) and funded by The Community Foundation and the North West TUC.

Guest speakers included Dr Ros Bonsor, a GP executive lead at West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group; Anthony Curley, national youth co-ordinator for the Unite union; PC Stuart Rutledge, hate crime and diversity officer for Lancashire Police; and Laura Lawson from Lancashire Mind.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "There are so many issues affecting young people as they progress to the latter years of school, such as the pressure of exams, moving on to college or university or entering the world of work. These pressures can lead to anxiety, depression self-harm, alcohol/substance abuse, bullying and many more problems.

"This conference provided students with quality information on the amount of help, support and advice that is on offer locally and nationally. They were given the basic tools and transferable skills which we hope they may never need but that can be easily disseminated among their family, friends and class mates."

One Year 10 high school student commented: "I found the speakers fascinating and I learned a lot of new interesting information.

Dr Ros Bonsor addresses the conference

"I particularly enjoyed the speaker who told us about drugs. I know many people who are affected by drug-related issues and I feel that if more people could hear this it could really make a difference throughout the young community."

SAY and South West Lancashire ICAN would like to thank all the students, schools and agencies the Community Foundation for Lancashire and North West TUC for supporting this important conference.

For information on future conferences email alan.say@hotmail.co.uk or swilcan2014@gmail.com.

'Dog woman' Barbara dies at 87

A WELL-KNOWN and well-loved community figure in Skelmersdale who cared for people's unwanted pets has passed away at the age of 87.

Barbara Smith, from Elmstead, who had lived in the town since the 1970s, was known affectionately as ' the dog woman' even though she loved all animals.

Her brother, Ernie Jackson, told the Champion: "If anyone had an unwanted pet they would leave them on Barbara's doorstep and she would care for them.

"At one time she had four cats, five or six dogs, a budgie, a cockatiel, and rabbits. Her house was like a zoo. She was affectionately known as the 'dog woman'.

"She was very soft-hearted as far as animals were concerned. She would buy more food for the animals than she did for herself.

"But that is just what she did - she enjoyed looking after the animals and she had been doing it for 40 years."

Barbara met her late husband, Bill while she was serving in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF).

The couple, who had no children, celebrated their diamond wedding in 2011.

Ernie added: "Since news of Barbara's passing there has been an amazing response from her neighbours.

"I want to thank them for their friendliness and compassion. They have been fantastic."

Barbara's funeral will be held at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday, July 14 at 2pm.

Although affectionately known as 'Dog Woman', Barbara Smith, pictured here with an abandoned cat in 2007, loved and cared for many animals

Council proposal to restore fire-damaged industrial units

WEST Lancs Council has submitted plans to re-build and alter two fire-damaged units on the East Gillibrands industrial estate in Skelmersdale.

The application is for numbers 34 and 36 Gorsey Place, two of 24 similar units built in the 1970s.

Unit 34 was badly damaged by the fire and had to be completely removed but unit 36 remains largely intact.

The council is seeking approval to reinstate unit 34 to the existing footprint with some internal layout changes.

It is also seeking to provide new wall and roof cladding to units 34 and 36 to provide more internal space.

The buildings will also be brought up to current standards.

In support of the application the council states: "The principle of residential development on this site is in accordance with all the relevant planning policies in the National Planning Policy Framework and the adopted West Lancashire Local Plan as it is located within the East Gillibrands industrial estate in Skelmersdale."

The council also state that the site is on "well-established public transport routes with excellent pedestrian and vehicular access."

It is further stated that the existing street scene will not be "adversely affected."

And the statement concludes: "As this proposal incorporates the reinstatement of previous accommodation whilst improving and modernising the facilities available, it will have only a positive effect on the surrounding area.

"There should be no adverse effects on local business and vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be of comparable levels to those experienced prior to the fire damage."

HGV topples over on roundabout

A CHAMPION reader captured the moment (above) when an ASDA lorry came to grief on Gillibrands Road in Skelmersdale, near to Daffodil Island.

The incident occurred at about 8.50pm on Wednesday, July 6 resulting in the HGV spilling some of its load and causing a small fuel leak.

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Martin Mere news

Lego® brick animals return to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre

NEW Fred the Frog joins the GIANT LEGO brick animals trail returning to WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this summer.

A surprise new model, Fred the Frog, was unveiled today at Martin Mere by children from Gwladys Street School from Liverpool. Fred took an amazing 244 hours to build with an incredible 75,000 LEGO bricks.

GIANT LEGO brick sculptures will be at the attraction in Lancashire for 6 weeks this summer from 16 July to 4 September, alongside some of their living counterparts. Visitors will be able to enjoy the trail of nine individually-designed 4ft (1.5m) LEGO brick characters, inspired by real species at WWT Martin Mere. Included are a large North American River Otter, a Hawaiian Goose (Ne Ne), the world's rarest goose, a giant Kingfisher and a flamingo, plus one surprise new model, a giant frog called Fred.

The LEGO brick animal trail is one of eight activities Martin Mere is hosting this summer as part of our Nature Explorer attraction. Children can pick up an official Nature Explorer passport from 21 July and collect stickers by doing fun activities such as canoe safari, pond dipping, a big bug hunt, and lots, lots more. Budding explorers can also get a gold award in our daily award ceremony at 3.30pm by getting a minimum of 6 stickers.

Nick Brooks, Martin Mere General Manager, said: "We are very excited to welcome back these amazing sculptures to WWT Martin Mere for the summer. The characters look fantastic, especially the new addition: Fred the Frog, our visitors were bowled over by them when we had these last Christmas. Being a Nature Explorer at Martin Mere is going to be great fun for all the family and a fantastic way to inspire kids to love wildlife and want to protect it for the future."

There is no extra cost to for kids (and big kids) to meet the giant LEGO brick animals and pick up a Nature Explorer passport at WWT Martin Mere, they are included in admission. For further information visit www.wwt.org.uk/martin-mere .

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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County police commissioner re-launches Community Action Fund

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw has re-launched his Community Action Fund (CAF) by making £75,000 available to fund grass rsoots initiatives to help cut crime, reduce re-offending or support victims.

Since it was first launched in 2013, the CAF scheme has grown and more than £190,000 has been awarded to 116 organisations to date.

Last year, grants worth a combined £97,562 were awarded to 51 separate groups across Lancashire.

Mr Grunshaw said: "The Community Action Fund has gone from strength to strength over the last three years, helping organisations right across Lancashire.

Lancashire police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw

"The money has been used for a wide range of projects to help keep Lancashire safe.

"I have seen first-hand the excellent work these organisations do in the county and I am delighted to have been able to support their efforts.

"I am making £75,000 available again this year and I will be looking for projects involving local groups that make a real difference in their communities.

"I hope to see a range of ideas, from right across Lancashire, working with a wide section of the community and I encourage any interested groups to get in touch."

In the last year funding has been awarded for a range of initiatives such as sports projects in disadvantaged areas, community cohesion work, youth clubs and work with offenders and vulnerable people.

For more details about the Community Action Fund, including funding criteria and how to apply, contact Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC), which administrates the scheme on behalf of the police and crime commissioner's office, by calling 01772 412733.

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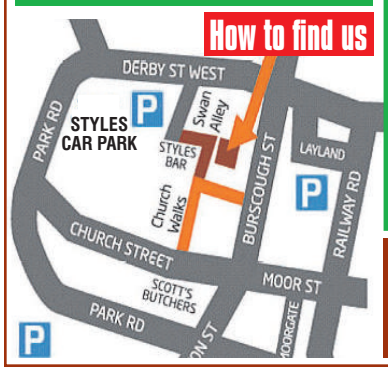

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One West Lancs Chairman Greg Mitten (left) with Mayor Coun Liz Savage, Mayoress Charlotte and some of the delegates

Mayor helps launch Get Active scheme

WEST LANCS Mayor Councillor Liz Savage recently enjoyed a celebration of making the borough more 'active' at Edge Hill University.

The One West Lancs Forum and Health Network's celebratory event was held on the theme of Getting West Lancs Active last week.

One West Lancs is a partnership of local voluntary, public and business sectors which was formed in April 2013 with the aim of improving the quality of life for West Lancashire residents.

Its aims include reducing health inequalities, improving education, developing an action plan for transport within and connecting West Lancashire and standing up for communities in the borough.

This year's annual One West Lancs Forum and Health Network event's theme was Get Active and topics included creating a business, starting or joining a voluntary and community group, improving social connectivity, growing food or getting involved in life-long learning.

All groups attending the forum could exhibit what they do and take part in a 'soap box' session in the Lecture Hall to show a short film to demonstrate or talk about what they are doing.

Delegates were invited to get active, either with a walk with pedometers around the running track, play visually impaired cricket or create a piece of art work on the theme of getting active, or to form an impromptu choir to rehearse and perform a melody of songs.

West Lancs Borough Council has successfully secured funding for a three year Active West Lancs programme aimed at getting people active."

Angling project casts a spell over royal visitor!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A WEST Lancs project which aims to improve the employability and educational opportunities of disadvantaged young people from across the region through angling has been given a royal seal of approval - courtesy of Prince Harry.

Cast North West in Newburgh was founded 10 years ago to support youngsters who are at risk of falling out of education, training or employment, many of whom have faced severe personal challenges.

The 31-year-old prince visited the project last week as part of his national tour promoting sport as a means of social development.

Therapeutic

Cast North West founder, Neil Farnworth, told the Champion: "We were absolutely over the moon to meet Prince Harry, what a prestigious visitor!

"He said next time, he'd fetch his dad with him – we would be so pleased to have Prince Charles as a guest too!

"Prince Harry was very interested in how sport helps young people to progress when used for therapeutic reasons. He wants to really help people in this field and you can see that he wants to do more himself.

"We can really see how Cast North West makes a difference to people – we help around 137 people each week.

"We are the only indoor fishing centre in the UK and we have a 27.6 acre site. We use angling as a tool of engagement to reach out to young people then we teach them vital skills to help them into eduction and into jobs, we do so much in the way of learning.

"Prince Harry was looking around and seeing how the project works and he stayed longer than he should have by at least 15 minutes as they couldn't peel him away."

The royal visitor was also asked to plant a tree as a tribute to those who lost their lives 100 years ago on the Battle of the Somme, one of the bloodiest battles in British military history.

Prince Harry learns about the project from Cast North West founder Neil Farnworth

Prince Harry meets members of the project during his visit to West Lancashire

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New scheme to help dementia sufferers

A NEW scheme being rolled out in Lancashire aims to offer peace of mind for people with dementia and their families using smartphone technology.

Report by **Henry James**

Under the Guardian Angels Dementia Buddies scheme, the person living with dementia wears a device containing Near Field Communication (NFC), which is technology already installed in mobile phones. If the wearer is lost, the device can be scanned with a smartphone providing contact details to enable them to be returned home safely.

Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue and Lancashire Constabulary are all supporting the introduction of the scheme in the county.

Guardian Angels Dementia Buddies has been developed by Mark and Karen Aldred, founders of the charity the Good Deeds Trust. The scheme has already been successfully piloted in Wigan and is set to be rolled out across Greater Manchester by summer 2017.

Mark Aldred said: "One of the biggest fears of carers of people with dementia is that their loved ones will forget where they live or where they are. We have developed a number of devices, including a wristband, pin badge and keyring, which the person with dementia can keep with them at all times.

"If you spot any of the Guardian Angel Dementia Buddy devices on someone who is lost or confused, swipe your mobile phone screen and tap the back of your phone onto the device. A message will appear on your screen giving the wearer's first name only and an emergency phone number which you can click on to speak to their carer."

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for health, said: "We are proud to support this scheme which will enable people with dementia to stay as independent as possible for as long as possible. It will provide much reassurance for people with dementia and their families as we know the worry of getting lost is a major concern for them.

"It will also make it much easier for the police in particular and emergency services to identify the person with dementia, so we have been working with them and dementia services staff to deliver training to use the devices."

Mayor of West Lancs, Cllr. Liz Savage leads fellow civic dignitaries to the Civic Service at St Anne's RC Church.

Mayor leads borough's Civic Service

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage is flanked by local cubs, scouts and guides as she arrives for the borough's annual Civic Service at St Anne's Church, Ormskirk.

Cllr. Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney were joined by deputy mayor and mayoress, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, and other civic dignitaries for the event.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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More community support needed to help town's historic church survive

THE article regarding the state of the church yard of Ormskirk Parish Church (Champion, June 29) was positive in the sense that the person raising the complaint also decided to do something about it.

This is refreshing in an age when many people complain about matters and leave someone else to sort it out.

As a member of the church for some years, I have noticed that grass cutting has always been a problem at the June time of the year.

This is the period where grass growth is at its height. The professional grass cutters find that they cannot get round all their clients fast enough to keep the growth down, whereas during the rest of the year the five to six-week cut is sufficient.

Also, the torrential rain we have had in June has meant that it has been impossible to get the job done at all on some days.

A linked observation is that the grass cutting is paid for by the church members. The gradually shrinking congregation now has an average age in the 70s.

The churchyard obligation is in addition to paying for the maintenance of the church, with, for example, insurance costing £13,000 per annum.

The total income of the church is made up by fees from funerals and weddings, coupled with the giving of the congregation. Over the past few years expenditure has exceeded income by anything between £15,000 to £25,000. The church survives by using historic reserves built up in more prosperous days. Contrary to popular opinion we receive no state or national church aid.

So what the welcome community effort on the churchyard teaches us is that unless the town supports the parish church, it may be a question of whether not only the churchyard but the historic church building can survive into the future.

Michael Smout, Aughton

Why are they always messing about with our buses?

WITH regards to the articles recently published concerning the Tanhouse bus service.

For some time now the residents of Ashurst have also had to put up with one of the worst bus services in Lancashire.

At first the Ashurst area only had the circular bus then Arriva decided to give us the 311 to Liverpool which went through Ashurst from the Concourse allowing the residents of the area an easier route to Ormskirk.

This bus did not go into Asda but the circular bus also ran so the residents had an extra lifeline to the shops, including Asda.

Then, lo and behold, some bright spark decided to stop the circular 313 from going into Asda. This now means passengers who want to go there have to get off the bus outside Bannatynes gym and cross over the Northway.

For me this is a no-go for older residents as this road can be dangerous to cross. Then, to add insult to injury, they then have to carry their shopping to the bus stop on Northway to go home or pay out and get a taxi.

Ashurst has no buses on Sunday or Bank Holidays so the residents are totally cut off as the Wigan or Southport buses do not touch this area at anytime.

I've come to the conclusion that Arriva have no idea of the needs of Skelmersdale people and are only out to make money out of them as majority need to get more than one bus to work.

Take note Arriva, not everyone in Skelmersdale own cars - get your act together,speak to the people of the town and discover their needs.

S. Kelley, Ashurst

Shopping complex needs more disabled parking and more lifts

I AM writing to you about the woeful condition of the Concourse in Skelmersdale.

The only disabled parking spots useable if you have problems bending your legs properly are the ground-floor parking spots, as the disabled spots in the multi-level parking are only normal spots marked with a wheelchair.

For almost a week the elevator has been out of service meaning that the only access to upstairs for some people is the ramp.

It took me more than 15 minutes to negotiate the ramp on my crutches and I was left barely able to walk for the next two days.

Surely a complex of that size should have both proper disabled parking spots on the top level of the multi-level car park and also more than one elevator available for customers to use!

Dave Elliott, by email

PICTURE of the week

A runner breaks through a cloud of pink powder in last Sunday's first ever Southport Colourblast to raise funds and awareness for the Galloway's Society for the Blind charity. Entrants completed a 5K course while being doused in powder paint. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Action is needed on town-centre road 'crater'

I AM very concerned about the size of the depression in the road in Derby Street, Ormskirk, near the police station.

It is now so large and so deep that I can only assume it is a re-creation of a First World War shell crater! Perhaps it is to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme?

On a more serious note, are the authorities waiting until this hazard causes major damage to someone's vehicle, or worse still a road traffic accident?

Surely the time to act is now well past. Can we have this problem addressed soon please?

Fred Horn, Ormskirk, by email

■ IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

'Award-winning' student accommodation but at what cost?

I HAVE just read your article regarding Edge Hill's award-winning student accommodation - you might like to ask 'at what cost to Ormskirk residents'?

Until March 2015 my husband and I, who are both retired, lived on St Helens Road, directly in front of the original halls of residence and adjacent to the staff car park so we were bordered by the university on two sides.

We wanted to downsize and had our house up for sale for several years, but the proximity of the student accommodation always deterred potential buyers.

We also endured constant disruption, noise and interrupted sleep, caused by the students during the 13 years we lived there and were constantly complaining to both the police and the university.

This was apart from having to tolerate abuse and inconvenience for months at the start of each university year, from students who could not park in the official car park and blocked the entrance to our driveway on a daily basis.

In March 2015 the university purchased the two cottages and land on the third side of our property, meaning it then surrounded us on three sides. We subsequently learned that they planned to demolish the cottages and build further on both the staff car park to one side and the demolition site, meaning that we would be surrounded by three-storey high student accommodation. Having struggled to sell our house with only one block of student accommodation we realised that there would be no chance with blocks on three sides.

Enter Edge Hill University! I approached Steve Igoe, deputy vice-chancellor of the university, and asked if the university was interested in purchasing our property, which had been valued originally at £530K but was then on the market for £499k. He said they would only be prepared to offer £430k but after some negotiation made a final offer of £440k.

They knew they had us over a barrel and we realised we wouldn't be able to sell if the plans for further accommodation went ahead (we knew they would as it always gets its own way). We therefore had no option but to take the loss and sell at a greatly reduced price.

So while this multi-million pound university is gloating over winning accolades for its student accommodation, Ormskirk residents should be aware of how cut-throat and callous it is with no conscience about causing two senior citizens a huge financial loss, despite having millions in its coffers.

Far from enriching Ormskirk, as it claims, the university has driven out residents who have lived there all their lives; bought up every property available to build student accommodation meaning there is a shortage of affordable houses for ordinary folk; caused grid-locked roads through insufficient parking facilities and generally degenerated the area.

Yvonne & Tom Hunter,
by email

Council seeking sites with potential to be developed

IF you own or know of any land in West Lancashire that might be suitable for development in the future then the borough council would like to hear from you.

The authority is undertaking a 'call for sites' exercise as part of its ongoing planning strategy including a new study entitled a Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

The council is keen to hear about sites that could possibly be used for housing or business development, traveller accommodation, retail and commercial uses or for people to build their own homes.

Residents have until Friday, September 9 to suggest land which they believe could make an appropriate development site in the future.

The council will consider all suggestions received and will look at such things as the sites' capacity, risk from flooding, and other constraints, and will endeavour to make a judgment about their suitability for development,as well as potential time scales.

If you have submitted a site for consideration in the last couple of years there is no need for you to resubmit the same site, unless you have new information which would help the council to re-appraise the site, as it will be automatically considered.

Councillor John Hodson

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "If there is land that you think should be considered for development please let the council know by completing the official 'call for sites' form which will be available from Thursday, July 14. The process will help us as we plan for the future and keep our Local Plan background information up to date.

"Of course, we must stress that putting a site forward in this exercise is not a guarantee that the council will subsequently allocate it or support its development in the future. All sites will need to be judged against relevant planning policies and other considerations."

The official 'call for sites' form will be available from tomorrow (Thursday, July 14) on the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk /callforsites.

College achievers recognised at awards evening

West Lancashire College principal Maria Gilling (centre) with some of the students and local business sponsors at the Principal's Awards evening.

LEARNERS at West Lancashire College were recognised for their achievements over the last academic year at the Principal's Awards evening at the college's Hope Theatre.

Tutors nominated students for awards in attendance, commitment, confidence, enterprise, citizenship, skills and high achievement.

Nominees for each category received a certificate with the overall winner being presented with an award, all sponsored by the college's employer partners.

Awards were as follows; attendance,sponsored by Safe and Warm North West Ltd. - Chloe Dyson; commitment, sponsored by The Cashrooms Ltd. - Niamh Sawyers; confidence, sponsored by Graylaw Freight - Rebekah Reed; enterprise, sponsored by SCA Hygiene Ltd. - Hannah Grant; citizenship, sponsored by Graylaw Freight - Ellis Carter; skills, sponsored by Trelleborg - Alex Tighe; high achievement, sponsored by Hotter - Charlotte Marshal.

IT clinic for coffee morning group

THE next meeting of the Hobnob coffee morning club on Wednesday, July 27 will feature a digital workshop.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 11am to 12.15pm at Aughton Village Hall and all are welcome to enjoy a cuppa and a chat, as well as talks by guest speakers and themed mornings.

Club secretary, Julia Woolgar, said: "On Wednesday, July 27, we have an IT clinic led by Stephen Cooke. Stephen will assist with queries to do with tablets, laptops, phones and digital cameras.

"Meanwhile on Wednesday, August 10, Luke Brookfield, from the National Citizen Service, will return with a group of students to show the results of their photography lessons with views of Aughton and Lydiate."

For more information, email Julia at julia.anne.woolgar@gmail.com.

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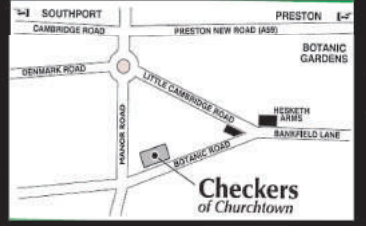

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Chance to recognise local sporting heroes

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Councillor Yvonne Gagen

West Lancs Council is inviting local clubs, individuals and schools to put forward their nominations for the following categories - coach of the year; young volunteer of the year; adult volunteer of the year; community club of the year; primary school of the year; secondary school of the year; young achiever of the year; service to disability sport award; and lifetime achievement award.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the councils portfolio holder for leisure, said: "West Lancashire has sporting heroes who compete or give up their time to help others compete. They deserve recognition for their efforts, so please send us your nominations."

Nominees must come from or represent the West Lancashire area. Successful nominees will be invited to represent the borough at the Lancashire Sports Awards, where the overall regional winners will be crowned.

The closing date for West Lancashire nominations is Friday, July 29.

Local winners in each category are automatically put forward to represent West Lancs at the Lancashire Sports Awards on Friday, November 25 at The Hilton Hotel, Blackpool.

For more information or to nominate, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/sportsawards.

Companies urged to sign up for free county council-backed online directory

COMPANIES across Lancashire are being urged to sign up to a new county council-backed free online directory to boost businesses opportunities.

The directory can be used to showcase talent to potential clients and for organisations to find the creative skills and expertise they need.

It has been produced by Creative Lancashire, a service provided by Lancashire County Council through its economic development company, Lancashire County Developments Ltd (LCDL).

Ed Matthews-Gentle from Creative Lancashire said: "If your company is part of the creative sector then this directory could be helping you to attract new business. We've already got a wide range of companies signed up, from architecture to web development and design and the value of the directory will increase as we get more businesses to sign up to it.

"Our aim is to link up companies, so a company from any sector looking for creative services can find what they're looking for. On the directory people can search by specific types of business and also find businesses in their area.

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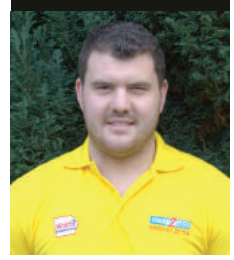

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Care trust develops app to help COPD sufferers

A NEW app to help people with Chronic Pulmonary Obstructive Disease (COPD) to manage their illness has been developed by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust in partnership with digital health care company, Intelesant.

The 'How are you today?' self-management system is available as a free app for all smartphones and tablets.

It allows patients to track their symptoms over time and helps identify any early changes in key symptoms. The app provides information to the patient's clinicians who can track the individual's health and enable quick decisions to be made regarding treatment.

Lynne Bax, associate clinical director for adult community services at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "COPD can be a difficult condition to manage and the 'How are you today?' app aims to make it easier.

"By having access to the app on a smartphone or tablet it provides a daily record of symptoms and allows users to rate how they are feeling. The information the user enters on the app is available to their clinician and can be shared with family members or friends if they are added as an important person.

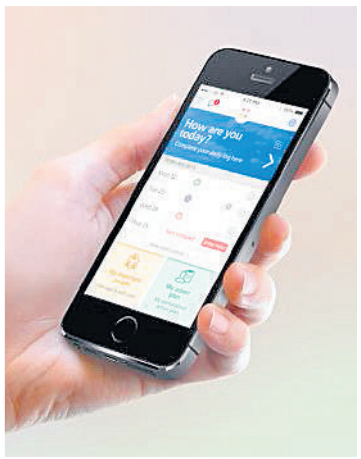
"By recording their symptoms daily, the user can identify patterns in their breathing and spot early changes to symptoms so they know when to take action.

"We are delighted to be working with Intelesant who have helped us develop the app and turn our idea into reality. We hope this will help patients across the county, and wider, to self-manage their condition which in turn means less hospital or GP visits for them and an improvement to their overall health and wellbeing."

Jonathan Burr, chief executive of Intelesant, added: "It's vital that individuals are provided with tools to monitor their own symptoms and will undoubtedly have a positive effect on how clinicians can determine the right path of treatment and tailor it to the individual.

"We're looking forward to working with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to deliver the platform together."

To try the app, COPD patients can contact their respiratory clinician or contact Intelesant on 0161 205 7776.



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County's countryside sites up for grabs

Sell-off bid to ease budget pressure

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is offering other organisations the opportunity to take over ownership of its countryside sites in a bid to save £440,000 a year to help ease the 'huge pressures' on the authority's finances.

As part of this year's budget, the county council took the decision to stop providing the Countryside Service by April 2018.

Since then officers have been exploring the potential to transfer ownership of places such as country parks and picnic sites to other organisations.

Discussions have been held with Lancashire's 12 district councils, as well as 25 parish and town councils and 19 other organisations, including several charitable trusts.

The council has so far received 19 expressions of interest to run part of the service or individual sites.

And it has now agreed criteria which will be used to select a preferred partner or partners for the transfer of countryside sites, and is inviting the potential new owners to provide formal details of their proposals.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning, and cultural services, said: "I'm very grateful for the level of interest we've received in the future of these sites from other organisations and I hope that they can continue to be well-maintained for people's enjoyment.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, cabinet member for environment, planning, and cultural services

"We have 93 countryside sites which range from former industrial sites which are now small nature reserves, to big country parks, and I know how much people value them, both for their own enjoyment, and the contribution they make towards preserving our natural environment.

"The last thing we want to do is close or stop maintaining them, but the financial situation facing the county council is hugely challenging as we try to save a further £200m by 2020 as demand for services, particularly adult social care, continues to rise and we expect more cuts in central government funding.

"I'm hopeful that many of the organisations we've had discussions with so far will come forward with firm proposals which will allow us to consider transferring these sites to them for the future benefit of the Lancashire community."

The application asks those organisations which have submitted an expression of interest to own or manage the countryside sites to outline their aims and objectives, financial resources, skills and experience, and how their proposal will benefit the community. Organisations have four weeks (from July 5) to submit their applications.

The county council has confirmed it will continue to empty at its countryside sites for the immediate future while the future of the sites is decided. it is hoped that in many cases services such as bins and toilets will continue to be maintained by the sites' new owners.

Beyond 2018, some of the bins will continue to be emptied by the county council as part of maintenance of 13 well-used walking and cycle routes which go through the countryside sites.

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Packed programme of summer events aimed at attracting visitors

A PACKED programme of summer events have been lined up aimed at making Ormskirk a magnet for visitors in the coming weeks and months.

With events featuring music, vintage fairs and magnificent motoring planned until the end of the school holidays, council chiefs say the programme links in with the aims of the Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy to bring more events to the town for people to enjoy.

Councillor Ian Moran, West Lancs Council leader and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, said: "We have some exciting events in Ormskirk over the coming weeks that will be great fun for families across West Lancashire.

"And other events are being organised in different parts of the borough for people to enjoy over the summer, more details of which will be revealed soon."

Ormskirk Market has more than 100 stalls to browse every Thursday and Saturday and the 'Love Your Local Market' activities in May got the summer off to a flying start with live entertainment, vintage fete games, street entertainers and a competition for the best-dressed market stall won by bags and scarves seller Julia Doyle.

The fun continues with speciality markets on the last weekend in every month at the Chapel Gallery and nearby streets, which will feature something for everyone to enjoy.

The Makers' Markets, featuring the work of local artisans passionate about selling their handmade and unique work, will take place on Saturdays July 30 and August 27 and continue into the autumn on September 24 and October 29.

Town crier Don Evans with the crowds at a recent 'Love Your Local Market' event in Ormskirk

Vintage and Handmade Fairs will host a great selection of stalls selling clothes, household objects and delicious food, as well as providing fabulous entertainment and family activities.

These will take place on Sundays July 31 and August 28 and continue into the autumn on September 25 and October 30.

The prestigious West Lancashire Open Exhibition at the Chapel Gallery is open from July 16 to September 7 and celebrates the creative talents of ambitious amateurs, accomplished students and professional artists from throughout the region. Different types of works including photographs, paintings, textiles, and anything else in between will be on display.

There will also be plenty of activities for young people and families at the Chapel Gallery during the summer holidays.

The first Gingerbread Festival on Saturday, July 30 will be opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage and will feature entertainment by the Fabulous Lancashire Revels theatre group.

Other attractions include vintage music, demonstrations of traditional skills including lace making, decorated market stalls and shops, and heritage displays about Ormskirk and the making of gingerbread in the town.

There will also be face painters, vintage fete games, a magician and stilt walkers. The festival is organised by the Ormskirk Community Partnership, with the support of the Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group.

Ormskirk MotorFest on Sunday, August 28 is the North West's premier free motoring spectacular and a fantastic day out for all the family. A fabulous array of cars and motorcycles from all eras will be on display many of which will join in exciting parade laps around the town centre.

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Theatre group turn to comedy for Abbey play

Report by **Louisa Austin**

LYDIATE Abbey will again be the set for a theatre production at the end of the month.

Long-standing visitors to Lydiate Abbey, Dean Taylor Theatre Productions will make it 13 summers on Saturday, July 30 when it presents Sir Tom Stoppard's adaption of 'Heroes' by French playwright George Sibleyras.

Actor and director, Dean Taylor, said: "Sir Tom is a true great among playwrights. I have been a huge admirer since I directed his 1990 masterpiece Arcadia, a play I might propose as the finest piece written in the English language this last 30 years."

Dean added: "Heroes is a comedy set in the French countryside in 1959, on a terrace adorning a 'Soldiers home for heroes' run by the long-suffering Sister Madeline Gustave.

"Three 'old boys' from the Great War, with the help of a stone dog mounted on the terrace, dare to dream.

"This feel-good play enjoys a tone that made Dad's Army and Last of the Summer Wine such endearing favourites."

The event will take place outdoors in the grounds of Lydiate Abbey, Southport Road (next to the Scotch Piper) so audience members are asked to bring a seat or blanket and a picnic and refreshments if they wish. There is free parking available and wheelchair access.

There will be performances at 2pm and 6pm and tickets are £10 per person or £8 for parties of six or more.

Dean Taylor (left) Tony Bond and John Ellis Fox who will be performing Heroes at Lydiate Abbey on July 30.

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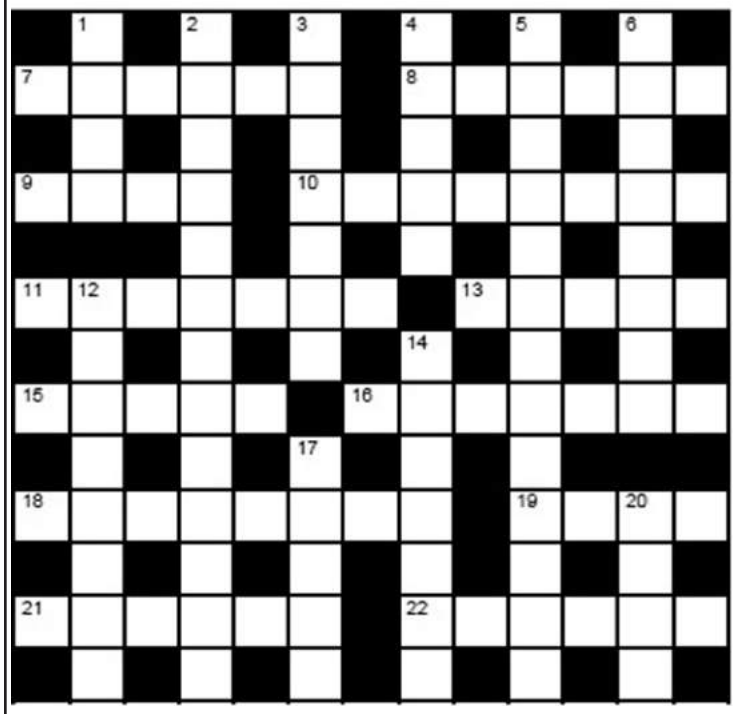

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Across: 7 Praise. 8 Glider. 9 Dare. 10 Smoothie. 11 Cabinet. 13 Tutor. 15 Brisk. 17 Chateau. 20 Farmland. 21 Year. 22. Timing. 23 Asylum.
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7 Highly flammable sticky jelly used in incendiary bombs (6)
8 Part of a song repeated after each verse (6)
9 Sloping surface linking different levels (4)
10 Put forward (for a position or award) (8)
11 Witty reply, rejoinder (7)
13 Burglar's crowbar (5)
15 Taut (5)
16 Fire-breathing female monster in Greek mythology (7)
18 Distance flown by aircraft (3,5)
19 Male member of a religious community (4)
21 Relating to racial or cultural origins (6)
22 Contemporary (6)

DOWN

1 Long, epic story (4)
2 Reconciliation (13)
3 Useful facility (7)
4 Mischievous child (5)
5 Person involved in the creation of a group or organisation (7,6)
6 Person who buys goods or services from a shop or business (8)
12 Cause to begin (8)
14 Branch of science concerned with the nature and properties of matter and energy (7)
17 Particular position (5)
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Chronic Care specialist Jenny addresses Breathe Easy group

JENNY Goulbourne, manager of the Southport Chronic Care Team, which covers the whole of West Lancs and Sefton, was guest speaker the latest meeting of the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy Group.

The chronic care service began in 2012, to fulfil the needs of an ageing population in the face of limited resources within the NHS.

Specialist nurses, who can also prescribe medicines, provide a full assessment of hospital and A & E patients, focussing on those at risk of re-admission - such as the frail and elderly - those at risk of falls; respiratory and cardiac patients; those with dementia; people with neurological, renal and liver conditions; and those experiencing mental health crisis.

The service is part of the Care Closer To Home Model, which in 2015 saved £77,000 in hospital admissions and reduced length of hospital stays in local areas. However, the main concern to Jenny and her colleagues is to provide a better service for patients.

This includes a minimum 28-day follow-up, as per the Critical Care Pathway; at least five contacts, including an initial telephone consultation; and home visits.

Informative

The service operates seven days a week, from 8am to 8pm, and works collaboratively, to prevent fragmentation and duplication of services.

Jenny's Chronic Care Team works with hospital wards, community matrons, district and specialist nurses, GPs and practice nurses, residential homes, voluntary services, social services and therapy services.

Patricia Ireland, from the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy Group, said: "Jenny's talk was both interesting and reassuring. At the end, she handed out an informative leaflet about the chronic care co-ordinator nurses, who can be contacted on 01704-705-266.

"An answer machine service is available, but if your call is of an urgent nature contact your GP, NHS Direct (phone 111 for their 24-hour helpline) or emergency services."

A representative of the Community Matrons will be speaker at the group's next meeting on Monday, July 18. This is at the usual venue, the Girl Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk (nextdoor to the rugby club), starting with teas and coffee from 11am.

Jenny Goulbourne

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Selfish motorists are a danger to fellow drivers and pedestrians

I SOMETIMES wonder just how selfish many motorists can get - because I sincerely hope they are not totally stupid.

This week I was a passenger on a number 310 bus from Ormskirk to Maghull and happily reading a novel when I realised the vehicle had been stopped for a fairly long time.

We were in Moss Lane, Maghull and the bus driver was attempting, with little success, to manoeuvre his vehicle between rows of parked cars half on the pavement (on both sides of this already narrow road) which seemed to stretch for 100 yards or so.

As a regular user of this service, I know this is not normal, and since it is nowhere near a school the cause could not have been that. Very likely, I suppose, the occupants of these cars had been attending a funeral. I sympathise with their grief but it does not excuse such thoughtless and dangerous parking.

My bus was stuck and it was hard luck on its driver and passengers but it would have been very hard luck had it been a fire engine instead of a bus and harder luck still for whoever may have been trapped in a burning house.

Finally, the bus was 'rescued' by two local men who had spotted what was going on. After a discussion with the bus driver as to whether or not a path through this metal maze could be found, eventually, with carefully-judged hand signals and not a little skill from our driver, we were

through and back on our way, 10 minutes or so late.

Many car drivers seem incapable of walking a few yards further than they absolutely have to – and be damned to the inconvenience or even real danger they present to fellow drivers and particularly, of pedestrians trying to squeeze past a long line of vehicles, a door of which can be suddenly flung open to deposit a pram on the pavement in front of them.

Still, enough of this. I've probably already got my name on the hit list of the Motoring Mafia. But staying with buses, last Sunday I was reporting on a Classic Car get-together on the very edge of Lydiate, not long before it becomes Lancashire.

Following my recent indisposition I can as yet no longer walk as far or as fast as I could previously, so I had double-checked the time of the 300 bus which would take me home. But by the Law of Sod, I was still a good 50 yards or so short of the bus stop when it came, on time, and trundled past and kept on going - even though I had burst into the nearest thing I can presently achieve to a run and flapped my hand hopefully.

I can't blame the driver, I was well aware of when the bus was due and had delayed, chatting, to the last possible minute. My fault again!

On Sundays, the 300 runs once an hour - which is good because until recently it didn't run at all – but in my case this was a minor disaster. Still, I girded my loins and trudged doggedly on to Lydiate's Village Green where I knew the 'circular' bus called which would take me to Maghull's Central Square, more than halfway home.

I had no idea when it was due, I just hoped. And for once, hope paid off and within minutes the 'circular' arrived.

Now at Maghull Square, I could, just possibly catch the also once-an-hour on Sundays, 310 to my stop. And though I have its weekday timetable memorised I had no idea when it was due on a Sunday. So I walked to the pedestrian crossing and had just reached the central reservation when the 310 was heading my way. I had already consigned myself to the mile walk home and without much hope I stuck out my paw anyway. But the driver spotted me, pulled into the bus stop lay-by and waited until I puffed up and onto his beautiful bus. I thanked him most sincerely.

All's well that ends well but if that was God moving in a mysterious way, I wish he'd decided on this action rather earlier!

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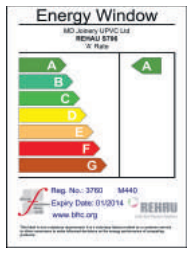

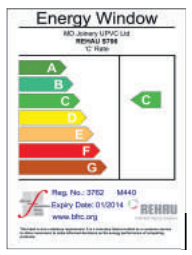

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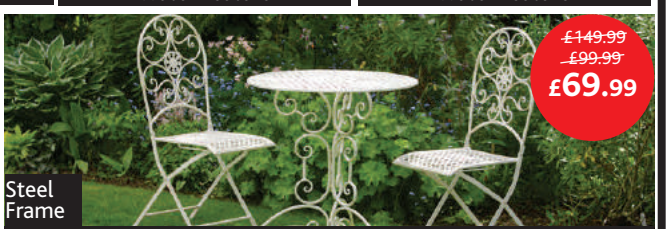

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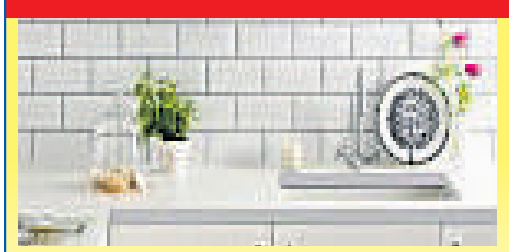

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2,000-plus flock to village carnival

ORGANISERS of this year's 43rd annual Westhead Carnival have hailed it a success with an estimated 2,000-plus people attending - now attention turns to next year!

Opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage the three-day carnival featured a number of attractions including a car boot sale, bingo, fancy dress dance, dog shows, a ukulele band and taekwondo displays - along with the main carnival procession, accompanied by Skelmersdale Brass Band, and the crowning of the Carnival Queen.

Carnival committee secretary, Moira Maciver, said: "This year's event went well and fortunately the weather held, which made a difference.

"It takes a bit of organising and we couldn't do it without the help of the committee and other people who help on the day. Everyone works so hard and it brings the whole village together.

"Now we will hold a meeting again later this month about next year's event!"

Above: Keeping it in the family. . . Westhead Carnival Queen-elect Sophie Walmesley (left) who is taking over from her sister Jessica as the 2015 Queen.

Left: The main carnival procession makes its way through the village.

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Spare a thought for your pet rabbits when temperatures start to rise

LEADING veterinary organisations are advising pet lovers to take extra care to keep their rabbits cool as temperatures start to rise.

Rabbits are unable to sweat or pant to regulate their body heat and temperatures over 27 degrees Celsius can cause them to suffer potentially fatal heatstroke.

The British Veterinary Association (BVA), British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) and British Veterinary Zoological Society (BVZS)are offering rabbit owners the following tips on how to care for their pets in hot weather:

Ensure your rabbits' enclosure is kept shaded from the sun, with a good airflow, and constant access to fresh water.

Place a ceramic tile or paving slab in your rabbits' enclosure for them to lie on and cool down; make sure this is kept in the shade otherwise it will heat up in sunlight.

Report by **Louisa Austin**

Lightly misting rabbits' ears with cold water is an effective way to help cool them.

However, never submerge a rabbit in water as this can cause shock and anxiety which will increase their core body temperature.

Freeze plastic bottles of water and place them in their enclosure so that your rabbits can lie against them.

Sean Wensley, president of the British Veterinary Association, said: "While most of us look forward to warmer weather, many of our pets, including rabbits, can quickly overheat, with signs of heatstroke including weakness, disorientation and breathing heavily with their mouth open.

"If your rabbits show any of these signs you should contact your vet straight away."

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Retail park secures £6.2m funding

THE Hattersley Retail and Trade Centre in Ormskirk has secured a £6.2 million funding deal with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to continue its development.

The deal is welcome news following the shock announcement that the Netto store based on the centre will close next month .

The 75,000 sq ft retail park, owned by the Mackie family, is made up of eight units of varying sizes to fit a variety of retail needs.

Retailers with units there include Home Bargains, Halfords, Howdens, Magnet, Jewsons, Plumbase and Tile Giant.

Adam Mackie said: "We chose to work with the Royal Bank of Scotland on this project as the bank understands our business and how we want to develop our property business for the future."

Jonathan Ellis, RBS director of real estate finance based in Leeds said: "We were delighted to provide support for the Hattersley Retail and Trade Centre which will continue to provide local residents with a retail environment for their everyday needs.

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Ker-ching! It's all about the money for KGV students

MONEY and personal finance will soon be on the curriculum at a sixth form college attended by youngsters from West Lancashire.

King George V College, Southport has been chosen to join the Centre of Excellence programme in financial education.

The news comes as part of a ground-breaking partnership between the UK's leading financial education charity, Personal Finance Education Group, part of Young Enterprise and Santander.

The announcement means that the college in Scarisbrick New Road will work with an educational specialist to create a detailed programme of financial education for their students and integrate the teaching of personal finance into the curriculum. Teachers will be assisted in the delivery of effective personal finance lessons and learning activities, drawing on the charity's 14 years experience of aiding educators in the schools & colleges across the UK.

Santander says it is supporting the development of King George V College, to achieve Centre of Excellence status in the next year, turning it into a 'beacon of best practice' in teaching children and young people about money. The college is one of 103 across the country set to benefit from the programme, 50 of which are currently funded by Santander. It will be supported in sharing its new expertise with other schools in the local area to benefit the wider educational community.

Anne-Marie Francis, principal at King George V College, said: "We know just how important it will be for our students to manage their money well throughout their lives.

"These skills don't come automatically – they need to be taught, and as it is our responsibility to prepare them for adult life we believe embedding financial education into our college curriculum is a necessity.

"We are pleased to be working with PFEG (part of Young Enterprise) to become a Centre of Excellence in this crucial area, for the benefit of our students."

Michael Mercieca, chief executive of Young Enterprise, said: "We are delighted that King George V College has joined our Centre of Excellence programme through our partnership with Santander.

"The work that staff will be doing with our educational specialists over the coming months will be of enormous benefit to students, with financial education set to be firmly embedded into the curriculum.

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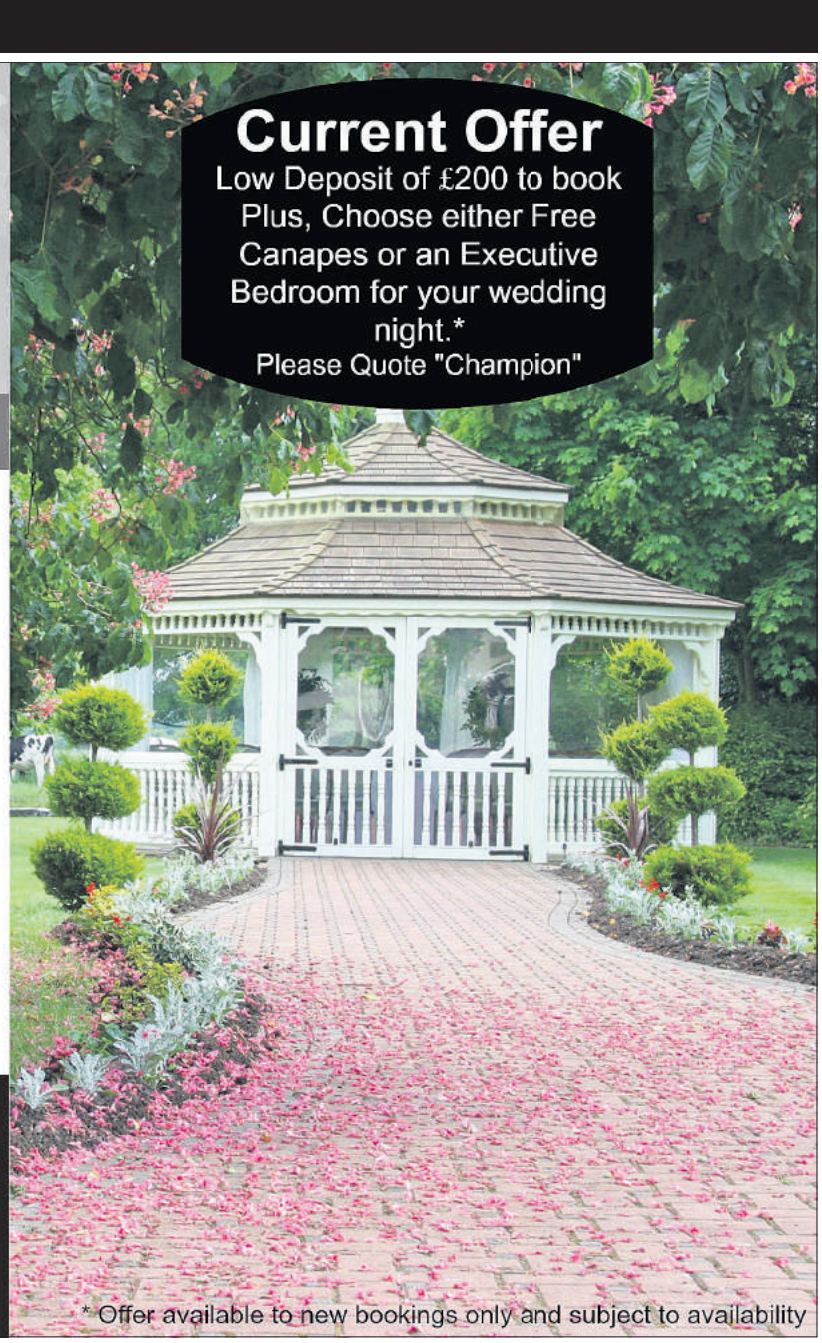
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Couples wanted to take part in new TV property show

WEST Lancs couples struggling to get a foot on the property ladder are invited to apply for a new TV show which aims to help would-be homeowners.

The property programme, Help Us Buy is looking for couples across the country who are seeking to buy a home and would like help.

And residents in the borough are being urged to apply to the show, which is offering £15,000 to struggling couples who take part in the series to help with their deposit.

Assistant producer, Jade Gordon, said: "We are looking for some great couples to take part in our exciting new property show.

"Are you struggling to agree on a property? Do you both want different things and can't compromise? "We are looking for couples of all ages who are looking for their next home."

To apply, email casting@helpusbuy.co.uk for an application form.

Sporty pupils hit the medal trail in county games finals

SPORTY pupils from West Lancashire schools were in the medals at this year's SPAR Lancashire School Games county finals.

More than 1,600 youngsters took part in the largest youth sporting event in the county, which saw pupils from 15 Lancashire districts battle it out at Blackpool's Stanley Park to be crowned county champions in 16 sports including cricket, tennis, athletics and gymnastics.

And Team West Lancashire enjoyed a measure of success, bringing home a total of three medals - two gold and one silver.

Ormskirk School secured county champion status in girls' cricket after thrashing Clitheroe Royal Grammar to claim top spot and scoop the gold medal.

And the glory didn't end for the school, which also took silver in the girls' athletics tournament.

Meanwhile, Ormskirk CE Primary also struck gold.

After wowing judges with their floor and vault performances, the talented youngsters were crowned county champions in gymnastics.

Now in its 10th year, the SPAR Lancashire School Games, which is part of Sport England's national £128m school games programme, is designed to give all children the opportunity to participate in competitive sport.

The event is organised by Lancashire Sport Partnership and implemented by the county's school games organisers.

In the lead-up to the county finals, pupils across Lancashire competed in a series of inter-school competitions to secure a highly-coveted county finals place and the opportunity to be crowned Lancashire champions.

Peter Dodding, sales and marketing director at James Hall & Company Ltd, said: "We're thrilled to be a part of the largest sporting event in the Lancashire school sporting calendar. It's fantastic to see how enthusiastic and passionate children across Lancashire are about keeping active and fit."

The Ormskirk School girls cricket team who hit their rivals for six to take gold

Chris Hart, school games organiser for West Lancashire, added: "There has been so much excitement and anticipation in the lead up to this year's SPAR Lancashire School Games county finals, with all pupils eager to get their hands on a medal and make their district proud.

"As ever, there were some outstanding sporting displays and it was fantastic to see such a positive sporting spirit. I'd like to congratulate everyone who took part and all those who helped to make the county finals such a success."

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Motorists voice safety fears over Switch Island

Report by **Louisa Austin**

MOTORISTS are fearing for their safety when approaching a busy traffic interchange which is regularly used by hundreds of West Lancs commuters.

Following yet another accident at Switch Island near Maghull last week concerned drivers have come forward with their own suggestions to make it safer.

Many drivers claim the problems lie not just with the new layout and road signs following the recent opening of the Thornton bypass (Brooms Cross Road) but also the behaviour of the drivers that use it, many of whom, they allege, are jumping red lights.

In May there was a serious accident involving a motorbike and a 4x4 which resulted in the motorcyclist being air-lifted to hospital and hours of delays for other drivers.

October last year also saw an accident just before 7pm involving multiple vehicles and resulting in the closure of that part of the A59 for the rest of the evening.

The latest accident happened at the beginning of this month prompting renewed calls for something to be done to make Switch Island safer.

Among the readers who contacted the Champion was a retired traffic cop with Merseyside Police. The former officer, who didn't want to be named, said: "There were plans for a flyover in the original scheme a decade or so ago, however they were scrapped but I cannot understand why. It was an obvious solution to the problems we are having now and should never have been scrapped. All I can think is that it was a budget issue.

The Switch Island road junction has been the scene of several accidents

"The whole layout is poorly designed and we are going to have fatalities unless something is done."

He added: "However, drivers are also to blame as they go at very high speeds and do have a tendency to go through red lights. A camera at the Brooms Cross junction may deter drivers from speeding."

Sefton resident Dave Gore said: "Apart from the road signs being so poor the other biggest problem is that when the cars leaving the M57 and heading for the new link road are waiting to cross the A59, the sequencing of the lights is so tight that the red lights from one direction have barely changed and already the green lights are moving traffic in the other direction.

"Anyone trying to run the red light, which they frequently do, are heading right into already moving traffic - it needs to be sorted, and quickly."

Champion reader Mike Chambers said: "Brooms Cross roundabout action needed - well done to those people calling for action to make the new road safer.

"I have seen many accidents there due to poor signage and layout."

Micheal Williams, who uses the road regularly, agrees that it may be the traffic light sequencing that is at fault.

He said: "Is it any wonder people jump traffic lights, the sequencing of the lights is ridiculous? You get to the bottom of each motorway and are immediately confronted with at least three individual sets of lights, four now, since the new road was built.

"None of them seem to be sequenced. You just drive from one green light, 50 yards to the next, which is then red again.

But another caller said: "There are no dangerous roads - only dangerous drivers!"

Following the safety concerns of motorists, Sefton Council together with the Highways Agency and the police are to conduct a review of the whole of Switch Island. The motorway junction is the responsibility of the Highways England and it will ultimately be their decision if further changes are needed.

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Cathy Galvin, Jessie Greengrass, and Ailsa Cox

Winner of University's short story prize is announced

THE winner of the Edge Hill Short Story Prize 2016 has been announced.

Jessie Greengrass has taken the first prize for her debut collection An Account of the Decline of the Great Auk According to One Who Saw It (JM Originals) taking home the £10,000 main prize.

Her work includes 12 stories about those who are lonely, estranged, or out of time. There are hauntings, both literal and metaphorical; and acts of cruelty and neglect but also of penance.

Receiving her award last night from judging panel member Billy Cowan, Jessie said she was grateful and overwhelmed by the announcement.

"I am so excited and very shocked to be named the winner of this years' Edge Hill Short Story Prize. Just to be shortlisted and recognised alongside this list of incredible writers that also deserve recognition for their works, is by far the greatest achievement of my career.

"Finding the ideas and translating them at my computer can be difficult, but winning the Prize and knowing that there is an audience who enjoy these ideas and words makes this much easier to keep doing every day," she said.

The Edge Hill Prize remains the only UK based award that recognizes excellence in a published short story collection. This year has seen established names competing alongside relative newcomers for the main prize, a £1,000 Readers' Prize and an additional category worth £500 acknowledging rising talents on Edge Hill University's own MA Creative Writing course.

This year's judging panel included: the winner of the 2015 Prize, Kirsty Gunn; Cathy Galvin, founder and director of The Word Factory; and Edge Hill University Creative Writing lecturer, Billy Cowan.

The winner was announced at Waterstones bookshop in Piccadilly.

Ailsa Cox, Edge Hill Prize founder and Professor of Short Fiction at Edge Hill University congratulated Jessie Greengrass on being named the 2016 recipient.

"Among these masters of the form, Greengrass stands out as a fresh and wholly original talent. She is a writer of the mind, exploring dangerous territory with spare elegance. She breaks all the rules, writing with great subtlety about the human condition and the fragility of nature," she said.

As well as the Main Literary Award of £10,000 won by Jessie Greengrass, a £1,000 Reader's Choice award was presented to China Mieville whose collection Three Moments of an Explosion (Pan Macmillan), features 28 stories that suggest the world is not just strange, but stranger than we can ever really comprehend.

The winner of an additional category worth £500 acknowledging rising talents on Edge Hill University's own MA Creative Writing course was also announced as Adam Hampton for his story Glass.

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Theatre company back with first play in new venue

Pupils and staff from Whitewall High School take a break during rehearsals!

ORMSKIRK Theatre Company are back with their first play in their new venue - The Toby, County Road, Ormskirk.

They will be presenting their interpretation of John Godber's Teechers.

This play, centered on school life, has all the elements of good writing that Godber is known for; comedy, pathos and drama. And with the expert handling of Ormskirk Theatre Company's talented cast it promises to be a 'must see' so don't wait to be told about it after the event.

Book your tickets at ormskirktheatrecompany.co.uk, or phone 07757 416560.

Teechers will be showing for three nights only, July 21 - 23 at 7.30pm.

Pat Baker from Ormskirk Theatre Company said: "We would like to say a great big 'thank you' to management and staff of the Toby for making us feel so welcome!

"It is encouraging to see local businesses supporting local theatre! Why not book a pre-show meal and enjoy a drink before the play?"

Popular comedy looking at parenting back on tour

Former Liberty X star to appear in Southport

The cast of Mum's The Word

THE comedy, Mum's The Word is back on tour, with a date at Southport Theatre on Wednesday, September 28. Tickets for this tongue-in-cheek look at parenting and its pitfalls are on sale now.

Mum's The Word laughs at the comedic horrors of bringing up children in this new and updated version of the hit show. Join the mums, now 'older and wiser', on their continuing journey into their new parenting nightmare that is teenagers!

Michelle Heaton (Liberty X), Gemma Bissix (East-Enders/Hollyoaks), Rebecca Wheatley (Casualty), Polly Highton and Sarah Lawn star in this new production - Mum's The Word 2: From Toddlers To Teenagers.

This follow-up retains many of the funniest moments from the original production as it moves onward into, not just the lives of their teenagers, but how the mums feel about growing older, their families and their relationships.

Not suitable for audiences under the age of 16. For more information logonto www.atgtickets.com/southport.

Hit musical is a 'show like no other'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Cats
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The cast of Cats

THE fourth longest running show ever in the West End, Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, based on the T.S. Eliot poems, Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, is now embarking on yet another tour and, judging by the size and enthusiasm of this audience, it couldn't have come soon enough.

It was in 1981 when Cats made its debut and the original team of the legendary Trevor Nunn (director), Gillian Lynn (assistant director and choreographer) and John Napier (set designer) are back on board for this latest production.

Billed as a musical, I have always regarded Cats as more of a ballet with overtones of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite albeit with considerably more vigour. In fact, at times it almost moved into circus territory with a trapeze onstage plus the acrobatic gymnastics of the dancers who ventured into the audience at regular intervals which delighted the children present.

Set against the background of a silver junkyard which spilled out beyond the stage and dominated the auditorium, the tribe of cats acted out their stories in song and dance to the music of a live eight-piece orchestra, under the direction of Tim Davis, which never missed a beat as it changed from swing to rap to ballet with consummate ease.

The lighting effects were memorable from the flashing eyes of the cats punctuating the darkness to fairy lights illuminating the theatre which, together with the truly outlandish feline costumes created an ever moving kaleidoscope of colour.

Kevin Stephen-Jones was Old Deuteronomy (the Brian Blessed role in the original West End production) who, on the night of The Jellicle Ball, has to choose the cat who deserves to be taken to the Heaviside Layer and gain an extra life (the tenth perchance?). Each cat, and there are 29 of them, is given the opportunity to put their case.

Marianne Benedict played the 'chosen one' in the Elaine Paige role as Grizabella, the Glamour Puss fallen on hard times. Her spellbinding rendition of Memory brought a stilled hush and tears to many eyes.

With no dialogue to speak of, all the action being in song and dance, Cats is a unique show and this was a non-stop high energy performance by a talented cast. How they kept it up was a mystery to me. After more than two and a half hours, I was tired just watching them. Give me dogs any day.

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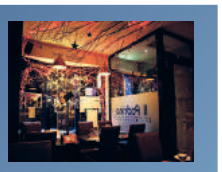

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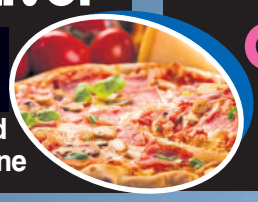

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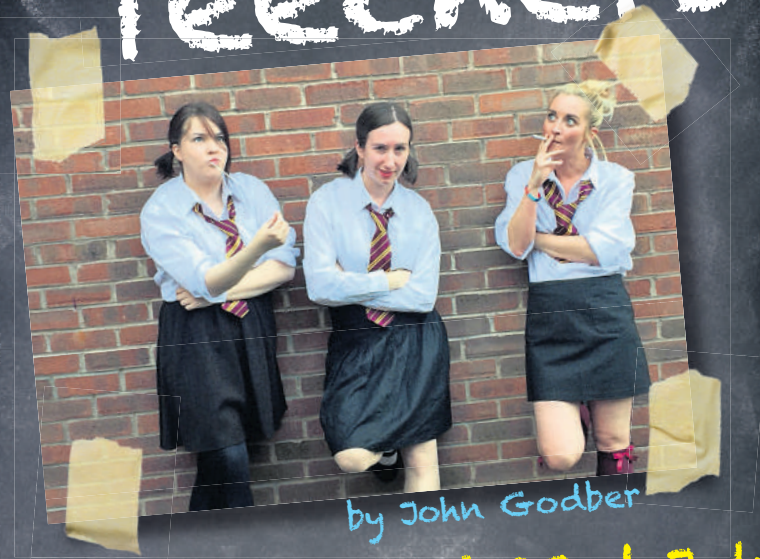

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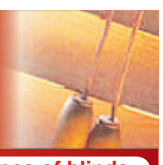

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Councillor Iain Brodie Browne joined McCarthy and Stone representatives to mark the official opening of the development with a ceremonial ribbon cutting, as well as touring the stunning fully-furnished show apartment and communal areas, exploring the many benefits of its Retirement Living offering. His visit comes ahead of the development's sparkling opening, the first chance for the public to view the new show apartments where there will be tours and sparkling wine between 11am and 4pm on 22 and 23 July.

Mayor Iain Brodie Browne, comments: "It was a pleasure to officially open the show complex ahead of the public event and to see first-hand just what a fantastic set-up they have at Charlotte Court. Living independently and securely is extremely important and with a growing number of people reaching retirement age, I'm delighted that developments such as this are being built to provide our retirees with a number of options to make the most out of their retirement years."

Thoughtfully designed to complement the local area, Charlotte Court is an attractive development of 32 one and two bedroom Retirement Living apartments for the over 60s. All apartments are intelligently designed to maximise living space, with open-plan layouts and well thought-out practical features that add the finishing touches, including underfloor heating and smart storage solutions.

Fiona Brooks, Regional Sales and Marketing Director at McCarthy and Stone, comments: "Our aim is to give those looking to downsize access to stylish living in the very best locations. These age-exclusive apartments are for those who want to focus on enjoying an active lifestyle where all the external maintenance is taken care of, and minimal upkeep is required so they can devote more of their time to the things they enjoy. The development has attracted significant interest from local purchasers looking to downsize, but also from people coming from further afield who are drawn to the idyllic retirement lifestyle on offer here in Ainsdale.

"We're very thankful to Mayor Ian Brodie Browne for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit our new development ahead of its public opening, and we are honoured that he was there to see our finished show apartments which highlight the modern designs and luxurious surroundings that can be enjoyed by all homeowners. We're urging anyone interested in securing one of these apartments to come along to our brand new show complex and take a look around, or get in touch without delay."

Facilities at the development will include a fabulous homeowners' lounge ideal for socialising with friends, beautifully landscaped gardens in which homeowners can relax, and a convenient guest suite should homeowners have friends or relatives to stay. The development will also benefit from its very own House Manager, who will ensure the smooth running of the development, a security entrance system, plus 24-hour emergency call points for added peace of mind for both homeowners and their families.

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Finally thank you to Carl Howard and his excellent team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their professional arrangements and care.

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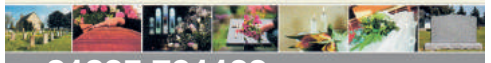

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(REDSANDS, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any pedestrian to proceed over that length of footpath between Redsands, Aughton and Prescot Road, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 1st August until Friday 12th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for pedestrian traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5197 Prescot Road – Claremont Drive – Redsands and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3833/WH]

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(BANK BROW, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle, to proceed over that length of Bank Brow, Upholland from 50 metres from its junction with Ayrefield Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative between 0830 hours and 1530 hours on Sunday 31st July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5375 Skull House Lane – Miles Lane – B5206 Gathurst Lane – B5206 Gathurst Road – A577 Orrell Road – A577 Parliament Street – A577 Grove Road - College Road – Stoney Brow and vice versa..

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Utility works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2998/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.S 28 AND 13 (PART) SIMONSWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath No's 28 and 13 (part), Simonswood, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Public Footpath No. 28 Simonswood, West Lancashire commencing at Point A, (GR SD 4293 0212), near Brookfield Farm, Simonswood, West Lancashire and running in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 624 metres to Point B (GR SD 4335 0170) and its junction with FP29 Simonswood, West Lancashire.

Part of FP13 Simonswood, West Lancashire commencing at Point B (GR SD 4293 0212) and running in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 192 metres to Point C (GR SD 4328 0152) at its junction with Simonswood Brook, Simonswood, West Lancashire.

The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the footpaths, said works being the construction of a new pipeline.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpaths, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.

The Order will be operative from the 22nd July, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.

IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B-C. Lancashire County Council is informed that no alternative route is provided. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lees lane, Dalton from its junction with Appley Lane South to its junction with Higher Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 18th July 2016 until Friday 12th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5375 Appley Lane South – B5375 Appley Lane North – A5209 Sparrow Hill – A5209 Parbold Hill – A5209 Alder Lane – Higher Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3557/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SHORE ROAD, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Shore Road, Hesketh Bank from 20metres either side of its junction with Belsfield Drive in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Saturday 23rd July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Station Road – Chapel Road

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3617/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DERBY STREET AND GREETBY HILL, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Derby Street and Greetby Hill, Ormskirk from its junction with Stanley Street to its junction with Tower Hill.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 25th July 2016 until Friday 29th July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A570 Stanley Street, A577 Wigan Road, Tower Hill and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway inlay works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3065/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DICCONSONS LANE, HALSALL & FORMBY LANE, HALLSAL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over:

Dicconsons Lane, Halsall from its junction with Rosemary Lane to outside Blundell House WTW.

Formby Lane, Halsall from its junction with Green's Lane for approx. 25 metres westbound.

2. The prohibitions will be operative as follows;

Dicconsons Lane from 0900 hours on Monday 1st August 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 5th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

Formby Lane from 0900 hours on Monday 8th August 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 12th August 2016 or until completion of works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Dicconsons Lane – B5195 Broad Lane – A5147 Delf Lane – A5147 Wanishar Lane – A5147 Southport Road – A5147 New Street – Summerwood Lane – Narrow Lane – Halsall Lane and vice versa. A5195 Formby Lane – A59 Northway – A570 Southport Road – A5147 Gorusch Lane – A5147 Halsall Road – A5147 New Street – A5147 Southport Road – A5147 Wanishar Lane – A5147 Delf Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3347/WH]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0706/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters for 133 dwellings and 2805 sqm of light industrial units with associated road and infrastructure and parking including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, together with an application to discharge Condition No's 16, 17, 18 and 19 of planning permission 2013/0104/OUT at Site Of Former Greaves Hall Hospital, Greaves Hall Avenue, Banks.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING ACONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0680/FUL Close existing vehicular access to the south of the property and provision of new vehicular access and hardstanding to the north. Extend existing garden wall to block existing driveway. Extend current culvert by 7m to facilitate new route for surface water to existing drainage system and install openings in existing garden wall to north boundary to allow storm waters to drain to existing channel at 12 Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh.

Application No: 2016/0702/FUL Demolition of male and female changing rooms. The remainder of the changing rooms converted to a gym. The courtyard between the sports hall and teaching/dining block will be used to create 2 No. cricket nets. Provision of screen print visual cricket images around the perimeter walls up to a height of 2.4m at Scarisbrick Hall School, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.

Application No: 2016/0703/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of male and female changing rooms. The remainder of the changing rooms converted to a gym. The courtyard between the sports hall and teaching/dining block will be used to create 2 No. cricket nets. Provision of screen print visual cricket images around the perimeter walls up to a height of 2.4m at Scarisbrick Hall School, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.

Application No: 2016/0720/FUL Variation of Condition No 12 of planning permission 2015/0884/FUL to enable an earlier opening time of 10:00 am across all days and a later closing time of 12:00 am Sunday to Thursday inclusive and 01:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays at Moor Hall, Prescot Road, Aughton.

Application No: 2016/0721/FUL Variation of Condition No. 4 of planning permission 2015/0524/FUL to enable an earlier opening time of 10:00 am across all days and a later closing time of 12:00 am Sunday to Thursday inclusive and 01:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays at Moor Hall, Prescot Road, Aughton.

Application No: 2016/0724/FUL Enlargement of existing car park at Cricketers Arms, 24 Chapel Street, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 13th July 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT906

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THE LIST of inappropriate things to do during a Harry Potter movie isn't very long.

My contribution to the ranking happened during a screening of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* in one of those old-fashioned cinemas that stops for refreshment intervals mid-flick. The brick-like Nokia in my coat pocket buzzed and – in a moment straight out of *Trigger Happy TV* – I answered it and rather loudly described to a mate how rubbish I thought the film was. Offending about 60 nearby children in the process.

But it turns out becoming a cinematic pariah is a fairly safe thing to do during a Harry Potter film. Driving a Tesla while watching one, as you might have seen in the news last week, apparently isn't.

The story – the Tesla incident, not JK Rowling's fictitious wizard - goes that a chap driving a Model S was so confident of the electric luxury saloon's autonomous driving mode that he allegedly fired up the in-car TV screen for a quick diversion to Hogwarts. Back in the real world a lorry pulled out in front of his car, and – according to Tesla's statement on its own website – neither he nor the car's autopilot picked out the truck's white trailer against a brightly lit sky in time.

It is – like any fatal car accident – a tragedy that should be learned from in order to reduce the chances of it happening again. The difference is that this one puts the question of how much trust you're prepared to put into self-driving cars in a whole new perspective.

Only a few weeks ago I argued autonomous cars were a belting idea, and even after this horrific accident I'd still argue the idea has potential. But to suggest that taking drivers out of the picture will spell the end of car accidents is dangerously naïve.

Think about how many times you're being flown somewhere on autopilot. The chances of being involved in a crash are miniscule compared to being injured or killed in car – even more so when you discount the air crashes that are caused by human error – but there's still a very remote chance something will happen. Regardless of whether it's you or the electronics dictating the drive it's impossible to eliminate the risk completely.

Both the Tesla accident and a crash between one of Google's self-driving cars and a bus back in March show there's a lot more work to be done before you can hire your Ford Focus as its own chauffeur. But that doesn't mean it's a bad idea.

If you do like your Harry Potter films, I'd suggest sticking to your sofa for now.

Classic car show event is called off after terrible weather

A CLASSIC car event that was due to take place in Speke this weekend has been cancelled due to the bad weather.

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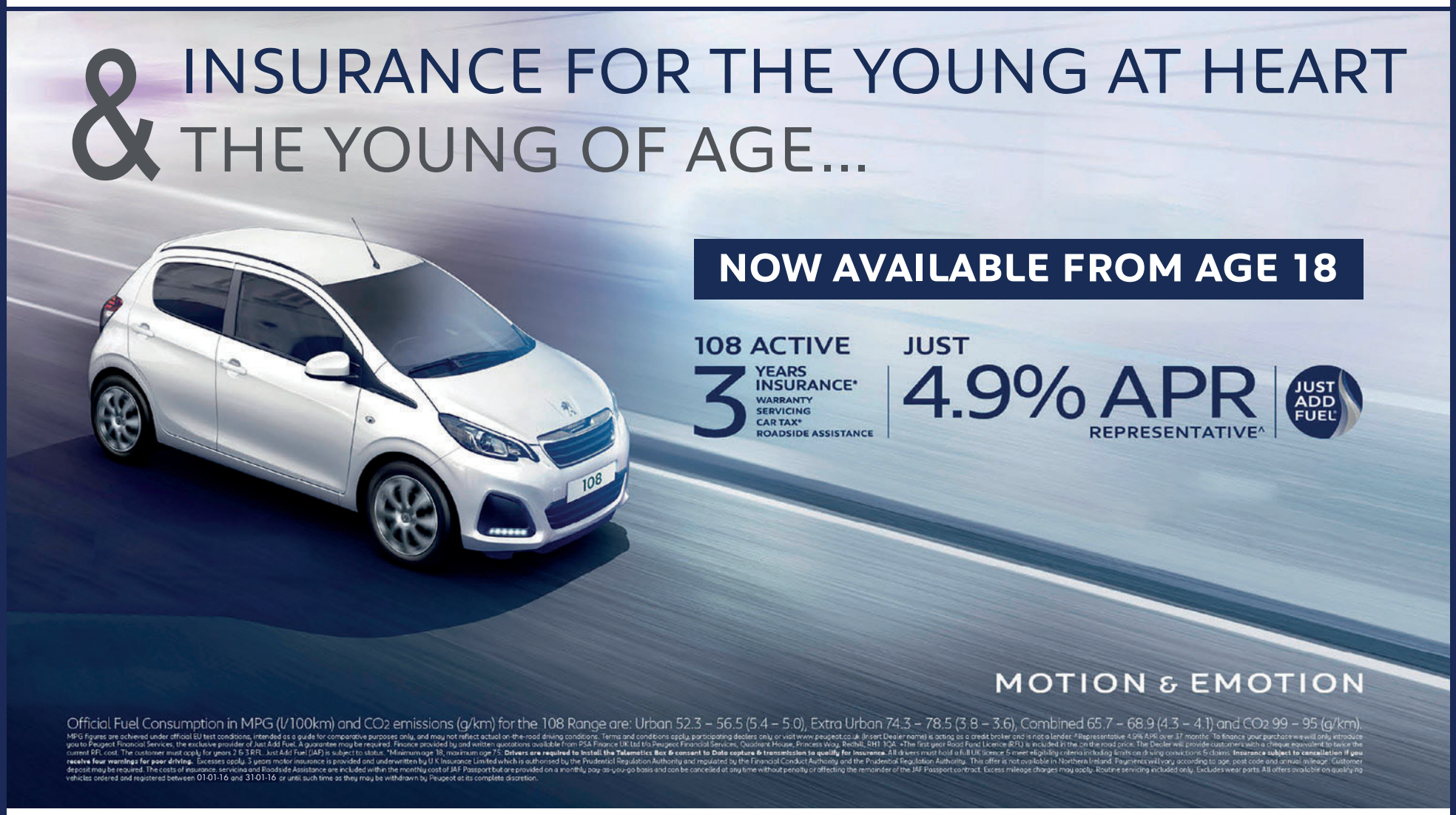

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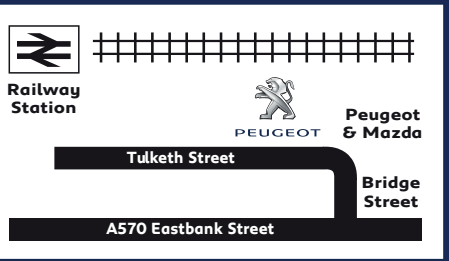

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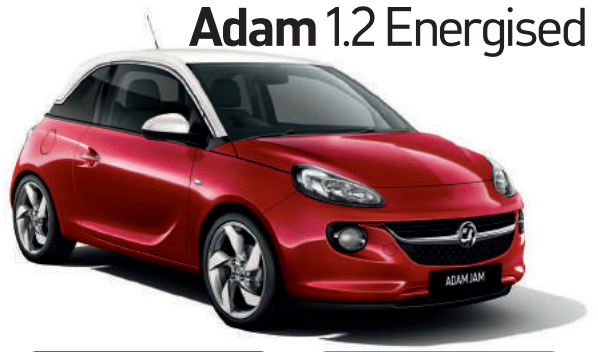

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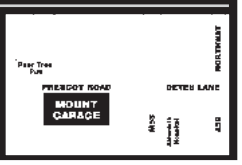

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SKELMERSDALE could face Burscough in the FA Trophy after the cup draw threw up a potential West Lancashire derby.

The FA Trophy draw has set up the prospect of a real occasion in the First Round Qualifying, where if Burscough can beat Kendal Town, they will visit Stormy Corner for what is bound to be an exciting encounter.

The Evo-Stik Premier Division fixtures will take the precedence this week when they are published on the morning of Friday, July 15.

There is plenty for Skelmersdale supporters to look forward to before the season starts for real on Saturday, August 13 starting with a game at Stormy Corner against Accrington Stanley next week on Tuesday, July 19 kick off 7.45pm.

The other highlights of their pre-season programme include, the visit of Everton on Thursday, August 28 for the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup semi-final, kick off 7.45pm, then Enfield Town for the re-run of the 1967 FA Amateur Cup Final on Saturday, August 30 and the visit of Welsh Premier League runners-up and UEFA Europa League fighters Bala Town on Saturday, August 6.

One away match of note is the West Lancashire Derby trip to Victoria Park Burscough on Tuesday, August 2.

Supporters are reminded that season tickets are on sale at £180 and £100, with the added bonus that if you purchase yours early you can have free entry to all the pre-season friendlies.

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Linnets in turmoil as Beesley quits club

Manager leaves along with most first team players

Report by **Tom Martin**

BURSCOUGH manager Mark Beesley has resigned and many first team players have left for other clubs leaving Linnets supporters in a state of shock before the season starts.

It follows an impressive season for the Linnets which saw them finish in the play-off positions.

Beesley told the Champion that "the club and myself were going in different directions" so he made the decision to step down.

It is understood that several first team players have also left the club.

The club has moved quickly to appoint a replacement and club bosses say they are now looking forward to a "new chapter" under the guidance of David Powell, who is a former assistant manager of Radcliffe and Ashton United.

Burscough chairman, Mike Swift, said: "Mark has resigned and we wish him well in his next venture.

"As ever in football, players move on and we also wish them all the best."

One of the first tasks for Powell will be to address a depleted squad, with many players on the move.

The development at the club has shocked supporters, with the Burscough Independent Supporters Association claiming they have lost "great assets".

Mark Beesley

The new man in charge, David Powell

A statement from BISA states: "We no sooner end one season; which finished on a very high note due to the sterling efforts of the manager, staff and team; than we are left looking forward to the next not with anticipation however, but with trepidation.

"Unfortunately it has been reported to the fans that the manager, his staff and the team have regretfully resigned their positions en bloc.

"The club is therefore in the process of appointing a new manager and new players for the coming season.

"We in BISA are not surprised by this turn of events especially at the way they have been treated and we wish them well for the future. The club has lost some great assets who conducted themselves with dignity and restraint."

The appointment of David Powell comes after the directors of Burscough held a meeting on Monday, July 11.

Powell lives locally in Parbold and has FA qualifications and a UEFA B coaching license.

Chairman Mike Swift said: "David Powell has experience in development and getting the best from players, he's impressive having created a successful environment wherever he has managed or coached.

"He has a great understanding of working within a non-league club.

"He is aware of the club's proud heritage, possesses a commitment to bringing forward young players and is looking forward to the new season."

Burscough has also announced a new director of football in the form of David Sutton, who has Football League experience with the likes of Huddlersfield Town and Bolton Wanderers.

Ormskirk reach last eight in National Club Championship

ORMSKIRK reached the last eight of the Royal London Club Championship on Sunday with an 85 run home win over Wolverhampton, in a match reduced to 34 overs per side the hosts put 200-9 up on the board, thanks in no small part to Mike Jones (61), Andy Baybutt (46) and Josh Bohannon (40).

In reply, an inspired spell of bowling from Jamie Barnes 4-21 and 3-43 from Tom Hartley helped dismiss the visitors for 115 and set up a quarter final clash at Bamford Fieldhouse.

In the Liverpool Competition Premier League match on Saturday, Ormskirk were involved in a rain affected match at Wallasey, where the hosts were bowled out for 156, with Martin Williams (67) and Mykal Graham (32) scoring the bulk of the runs, whilst Scott Lees was the pick of the bowlers with 4-29. In reply, Ormskirk had reached 65-4 when rain stopped play, with Mike Jones top scoring with 24.

Second placed Northern had a 26 run win at reigning champions New Brighton.

Davy Smith continued his recent fine form with 60, skipper James Cole hit 46 and Stephen Lucas 35 as the visitors were bowled out for 205 with Andrew Clarke taking 6-77.

In reply, 4-13 from Liam Grey and 3-64 from Tom Sephton helped dismiss the hosts for 179, with Louis Botes (47) top scoring. Sixth placed Formby were beaten by seven wickets at home against Wallasey.

Electing to bat first Formby were bowled out for 163, with Tym Crawford top scoring with 47, whilst Matty Hughes took 4-33 with the ball.

In reply, Greg Beaver carried his bat with an unbeaten 96 and Alex Eagles was also unbeaten on 32 as Wallasey wrapped up victory on 166-3. Third placed Ormskirk had a 123 run home win against bottom placed Birkenhead Park. They were indebted to a century from Andy Baybutt and 41 from Matty Glayzer as they were dismissed for 219, with Ravinda Pallyaguruge taking 4-75.

In reply, 4-16 from Lancashire's Gavin Griffiths and 3-24 from Josh Bohannon helped bowl out the visitors for 96.

This Saturday Ormskirk are away at Wallasey.

Burscough lead cut at top after match hit by rain

BURSCOUGH had their lead at the top of the First Division cut to eight points after rain stopped play in their home match against Newton le Willows.

The visitors put 155-8 declared up on the board, thanks to an unbeaten 73 from Jonathan Hirst and 45 from Furqan Shafiq. In reply, the hosts lost Lee Berrie in the opening over before play was abandoned in the same over with the score on 8-1.

Third placed Fleetwood Hesketh moved to within two points of second placed Wigan with a five wicket home win over Northop Hall.

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